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RAMPANTI for APJA PETERS for Frankston

By KYLE PATTERSON
and LAURIE SCHWAB



Rosario Rampanti (front row, extreme right), with the 1976-77 Bologna team, standing from left: Muselli, Clerici, Cereser, Cresci, Bellugi, Mancini. Front: Roversi, Vanello, Nanni, Bertuzzo.

Victorian State League club Frankston City has emulated the recruiting prowess of Sydney's APJA-Leichhardt by signing former English international Martin Peters from Norwich City.

Peters, a member of England's 1966 World Cup-winning team, will play five guest games with Frankston in May-June.

His visit will cost Frankston \$8000.

It is a paltry sum compared with the \$40,000 APJA will pay for midfielder **Rosario Rampanti** from Italian First Division club Bologna.

Rampanti, who will be 30 on March 30, has been signed for the 1979 season and APJA has an option for 1980 as well.

Bologna paid \$600,000 for Rampanti who earlier played for Torino and Brechia. He was signed in Bologna by APJA director **Frank Avati** who had earlier negotiated with **Capello** and **Morini** of Milan and **Braglia** of Cosenza.

Rampanti, who missed Bologna's 1976 Australian tour, played in the same team as Marconi's **Roberto Vieri** while Vieri was at Bologna.

Vieri expressed surprise this week that APJA had succeeded in signing the Italian star, adding that Rampanti was an outstanding player, a true professional and a likeable personality.

Rampanti will try to arrive in Sydney in time for the Philips League kick-off on March 10.

Peters scored one of the goals in England's 4-2 victory over West Germany in the 1966 World Cup final.

Geoff Hurst scored the other three goals for England, whose line-up was: **Banke-Cohen, J. Charlton, Moore, Wilson-Stiles, R. Charlton, Peters, Ball - Hurst, Hunt.**

The Peters deal was arranged by Frankston official **Del Lines**, a personal friend of Peters. Lines returned recently from England after negotiating with the former West Ham and Spurs star.

"I used to own a pub outside West Ham's ground," said Lines, "and got to know most of the players, including Peters."

"I was in England for a holiday and popped into Norwich. I was telling Peters and club manager **John Bond**, another former West Ham man, about Frankston City."

"They suggested a big-name Norwich player could play as a guest with Frankston



● Martin Peters holds aloft the 1972-73 English Football League Cup which Spurs won by defeating Norwich City in the final. Peters, then captain of Spurs, is flanked by Pat Jennings (left), Steve Perryman (right) and club manager Bill Nicholson (far right).

to help the club along. I was thrilled. I had intended to ask the club if something like that could be arranged but didn't have the nerve!"

Norwich hasn't asked for a fee for Peters' release, meaning the \$8000 outlay covers air fares for Peters, his wife **Kathy** and their two children, accommodation and the appearance fees.

But the English star's arrival will be delayed by a backlog of fixtures facing Norwich City. Severe winter weather in Britain has caused postponement of many Football League games and Norwich has the biggest fixture pile-up of any First Division club.

Peters hopes to leave for Australia on May 9, the day after Norwich's last game.

He is anxious to complete his five-week stay with Frankston as soon as possible, to get a long rest before the start of the next English season.

"Martin is very enthusiastic about the trip," said Lines. "He is willing to help the club in any way he can, so it is up to Frankston to make the most of his visit."

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Belgrade may tour

OFK Belgrade, the club that produced **Doug Utjesenovic** and **Branko Buljevic**, may tour Australia this month.

Belgrade reportedly already has the necessary visas and wants to be in Australia from February 16 to 21.

The tour, if it comes off, will be arranged by the Adriatic Tourist Bureau which also organised the tour by Vardar Skopje last December.

Belgrade's most well-known player is winger **Ilija Petkovic**. Other stars are **Unkovic** and **Sec**, the son of former Red Star coach **Gojko Zec**, now coaching Budonost. Belgrade's coach is former Yugoslav national selector **Valok**.

Our draw 'fixed' says Gutendorf

Despite being disadvantaged by the draw and the venue, Australia's brave young Socceroos have a double chance of winning its F.I.F.A. Coca Cola Youth World Cup elimination group in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Australia's under-19 team meets Paraguay and Israel within the space of three days but then has a five-day break before the return matches.

Feasibly the young Socceroos could lose their first encounter against Paraguay, described by Australian coach **Rudi Gutendorf** as being 'almost unbeatable at home', and still qualify for the World Cup finals for the Coca Cola trophy in Japan later this year.

Australia kicks off the week-long elimination group tomorrow morning (Thursday) at 7 am A.E.S.T. against host nation Paraguay.

Gutendorf has lashed out at tournament organisers for giving Paraguay what he calls a 'headlong start'.

"The draw, which requires Australia to play two games in three days twice," said Gutendorf to reporters, "is grossly unfair. It's ridiculous. The draw has been 'fixed' or we have been sold down the river."

"Australia has been pushed around too long in world football. We have to take a stand somewhere."

The draw was re-arranged three times and Paraguay was selected as the venue

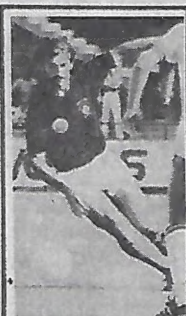
after that nation finished third behind Uruguay and Argentina in the South American elimination group.

Uruguay and Argentina have won a place in the final 16, and Paraguay has a second chance.

Brazil did not qualify.

The young Socceroos will have had five full days to become acclimatised by the start of the game. The city of Asuncion is high up in the Andes mountains, and the air will be thinner than the Australians are used to.

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Joe Picioane Picioane, Motyka in doubt

Footscray J.U.S.T.'s brilliant midfielder **Joe Picioane** (pictured) who set up Australia's goal in its 1-3 loss to Wisla Krakow in Sydney, is hoping to shake off an injury in time for Victoria's clash with Wisla at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

The match starts at 8.30 pm. Meanwhile, Wisla will meet Queensland at Perry Park, Brisbane tonight (Wednesday).

Wisla coach **Orest Lemczyk** is worried about the knee injury suffered by 20-year-old **Mark Motyka** in the game against Australia.

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This is a real collector's item. It is published by Marshall Cavendish, distributed by William Collins of Sydney and retails at the recommended price of \$24.95.

ADELAIDE SURE BEATS SYDNEY

Joining Adelaide City as coach is already proving to be one of the most exciting moves of my soccer career. The place is bubbling over with enthusiasm. In comparison, the atmosphere in Sydney is downright gloomy.

We're getting crowds of up to 500 people just to watch our training sessions!

Make no mistake — soccer has definitely arrived in Adelaide! It is a big-time sport here, in every sense of the word.

No doubt the success of West Adelaide in winning the 1978 Phillips League championship had a lot to do with the incredible upsurge of interest in the game.

And it is West Adelaide's success in 1978 that will make 1979 even more interesting.

West Adelaide and Adelaide City (previously Hellas and Juventus) have been fierce rivals for many years but have always maintained a sporting friendship off the field.

Adelaide City was South Australia's pacesetter in the PSL in 1977 and West Adelaide took over last year.

Now City is determined to overtake its local rival — and what greater motivation than to have the league champion as our No. 1 opponent?

The atmosphere should be electric at the two matches to be played in Adelaide be-

tween these two rivals. I expect crowds of no less than 15,000.

Tom Forde, coach at West Adelaide, has been making steady progress with his squad during the off season. Boyle, McGachey, McGregor, Jones, Kambas, Crook, Bozanic, Hon-eyman — all the regulars — will front up again for the 1979 season, so West will again be a major force.

But Adelaide City will be running neck-and-neck all the way!

I joined Adelaide City because it was a logical progression for any coach looking to the future.

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It did not take much to make me move to this world of opportunity. It certainly did not take the reported salary of \$800 a week — which is a ridiculous exaggeration.

Apart from having signed interstate players I am already planning to sign a number of local youngsters on long-term contracts.

I will try to develop them the way I helped develop fellows like Peter Sharpe and Paul Degney at Marconi.

I will also develop a professional attitude among the players and pride in their club. When we lose — and that won't be too often — our fans will clap us because we will be fighting for every ball — we will give it every ounce of dedication.

To help boost club pride we are starting an Australian and Adelaide City photo gallery of 150 pictures in our club premises.

The Melbourne public will have its first chance to see Adelaide City in action when we meet South Melbourne at Middle Park on February 25.



RALE RASIC

John Perin as sweeper

John Perin, one of the finest South Australian midfielders may play as sweeper for Adelaide City this year.

Coach Rale Rasic believes the defence would benefit greatly by Perin's fine distribution and intelligent positioning.

Perin's centre-back partner will be either Jim Muir or veteran Frank Lister who has decided to play another season.

The big revelation at Adelaide City has been the form of striker Dixie Deans who is back to his brilliant best after a lean spell last year.

Deans has been training twice a day and is an inspiration to the rest of the team.

Bob Russell has been bought from Sydney Croatia for \$6000 as a full back, the other full back being John Spanos, the Australian under 19 representative from Perth club Ascot.

Glen Dodds is yet to be signed but he should prove a valuable player indeed, having played for New Zealand against Australia in the 1977 World Cup qualifying games.

Fred Yung and Gary Marocchi are training but both are likely to be out of the team for some time, Yung has had a cartilage removed and Marocchi has had an ankle operation.



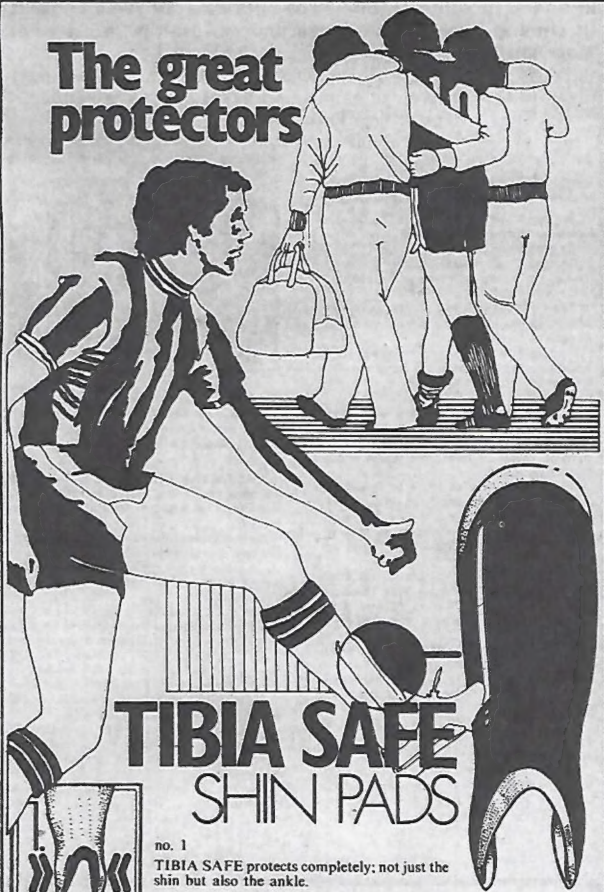
John Perin

Makedonia to meet Alexander

Fitzroy Alexander will meet Preston Makedonia at Olympic Park grayhound track at 5 pm on Sunday.

On the same day at 4 pm Essendon Croatia will meet Sunshine City at Anderson Road, Sunshine.

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1ST PRELIMINARY ROUND:
Thornbury v South Yarra, Yal-lour v Repent, South Dandenong v Springvale City, South Oakleigh v Clarendon, West Geelong v De La Salle (I.S.L.V.), Kaysborough v Latrobe City, Diamond Creek v Cranbourne, Doncaster Rovers v Macclesfield United, Hamlyn Rangers v Corio, Abbotsford v Mordialloc, Moorland v Ferrisree Gully, Monash (Lat. Valley) v Monash University, Burnley v Bosch (ISLV), Mitcham United v Coburg, South Melbourne v Knox City, Park Rangers v Ringwood Utd, Fitzroy Utd v Gladstone Park, Mid Dynamo (ISLV) v Doveton, Dandenong City v Melton, Traralgon City v Kallbar City, Port Melbourne v West Melbourne, Footscray v Winton, Murrumbidgee Utd v Collingwood City.

The following clubs have byes:
Ansett (ISLV), Ballarat, Barwon City, Bell Park, Boronia, Brighton, Burwick City, Broadmeadows City, Brunswick City, Bulleen, Carlton, Central Albion, Central Brunswick, Clayton, East Brunswick, Essendon City, Fawkner, Frankston Pines, Geelong, Hawthorn, Heidelberg, Kallbar, Melburn City, Melbourne, Moos United, Moorabbin, Moorabbin, Moorabbin, North Geelong, North Sunshine, Prahran City,

Pogues (ISLV), Richmond, Rossana, St Albans, Sunshine Hts., Uni. of Melbourne, Waverley City, Werribee, West Brunswick, Williams-town.

2ND PRELIMINARY ROUND:
North Geelong v Geelong, Waverley City v West Brunswick, Moorabbin v Moorland or Ferrisree Gully, Abbotsford or Mordialloc v Diamond Creek or Cranbourne, Park Rangers or Ringwood Utd, v Prahran City, Warrnambool v Heidelberg, Thornbury or South Yarra v Kaysborough or Latrobe City, Boronia v Carlton, Burnley or Bosch v Broadmeadows City, HD Dynamo or Doveton v University of Melbourne, Pogues (ISLV) v Frankston Pines, Monash (ISLV) or Monash University v St Albans, South Oakleigh or Clarendon v Clayton, South Melbourne or Knox City v Hamlyn Rangers or Corio, Central Albion v Brunswick City, Central Brunswick v Moos United, South Dandenong or Springvale City v Murrumbidgee Utd or Collingwood City, Sunshine Heights v Bell Park Bulleen v Williams-town, Dandenong City or Melton v East Brunswick, Burwick City v Barwon City, Ballarat v Fawkner, Morwell Falcons v North Sunshine, Essendon City v West Geelong or De La Salle (ISLV), Moorabbin v Brighton, Hawthorn v Ansett (ISLV), Port Melbourne or West Melbourne v Richmond, Fitzroy Utd or Gladstone Park v Rossana, Footscray/Winton v Melburn City, Kallbar v Mitcham Utd or Coburg, Traralgon City or Kallbar City v Doncaster Rovers or Macclesfield Utd.



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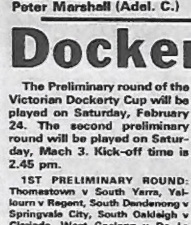
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THERE ARE NO VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP MATCHES THIS WEEK DUE TO VICTORIA'S MATCH AGAINST WISLA KRAKOW.



VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP

STANDINGS

GROUP A

	F	A	Pts
GREEN GULLY.....	2	1	2
PRAHRAN SLAVIA.....	1	0	2
GEORGE CROSS.....	0	0	2
ESS. CROATIA.....	0	0	0
ALBION ROVERS.....	1	2	0
FRANKSTON CITY.....	0	1	0

GROUP B

	F	A	Pts
CROYDON CITY.....	3	1	2
HAKOAH ST. KILDA....	1	0	2
SUNSHINE CITY.....	1	0	2
PRESTON.....	0	1	0
JUVENTUS.....	0	1	0
ALTONA CITY.....	1	3	0

ALBION ROVERS 1 AJAX 2 a.e.t.

Ground: Green Gully Reserve.

Weather: mild and overcast.

Crowd: About 400.

Scorers: Woods (10th) for Albion; Carr (66th), Segi (87th) for Ajax.

Referee: Tony Beazleigh 5.

Cautions: Carr (Ajax), Wark (AR).

Sent off: Miller (AR) 55th min.

Ratings:

AJAX: Denys 6, Thompson 6.5, Daniels 5 (Bennie 6 half time), Patten 6, Crilly 6, McCarthy 7, Vojtek 6.5, Vassallo 5; Segi 5.5, Carr 8, Perkins 8. Total: 69.5

ALBION ROVERS: Johnson 8; Niabet 6, Blair 8, Wark 7, Gatt 8; Woods 5, McIntyre 7, McNeil 5; Ali-Akil 5 (Smart 5th, inj. sub. Mamo 75th), Miller 5 (sent off 55th), D'Sylva 5. Total: 68

David Perkins' first-time volley from 20 metres in the 18th minute would have been one of the finest goals in the Ampol Cup series — had it been allowed.

But the linesman had his flag up and referee Beazleigh ruled the goal offside. Challenged about the decision by Ajax officials, Beazleigh claimed later that an offside player had been interfering with the goalkeeper.

This was the only way out for Beazleigh, as the new clarification of the offside rule (see story this issue) stipulates that no offside should be signalled unless the offenders are interfering with play.

I saw no-one interfering with play, but Beazleigh had no other excuse available to justify his decision.

Right or wrong, the message for referees is crystal clear — remain conscious of the qualification: "interfering with play." In most cases there is no such interference when a direct shot from 20 metres or more enters the net.

Ajax, although not at its best, was superior to Albion Rovers which packed its defence to hold onto a 1-0 lead until four minutes from the end of regulation time.

Taking the place of the men who were given free transfers because Albion could not afford to pay them, were: Tony Gatt, 16, Djeli Ali-Akil, 16, Paul Woods, 19, goalkeeper Billy Johnson from Sunshine City.

George Miller who was Albion's 1978 reserves best and fairest, and Dave McNeil from Werribee.

Most impressive of these were Johnson who saved a penalty as part of his good work, and left back Gatt who consistently beat Andy Segi.

Two other newcomers to the senior team were Smart and Mamo who came on as substitutes.

Albion will become stronger in the next few weeks when Bill McCormack returns from Scotland, accompanied by a junior League recruit.

Woods stunned Ajax by putting Albion into the lead with a smashing header in the 10th minute.

Then Perkins had that goal disallowed and Steve Carr hit the crossbar. Carr had another chance after a cross from Joe Thompson caused panic in the Albion defence but Steve Blair stopped Carr's five-metre shot on the line.

Ajax coach Billy Vojtek replaced centre back Nigel Daniels with Steve Bennie at half time and in the 55th minute referee Beazleigh made his second mistake.

Beazleigh showed Miller the yellow card for dissent, and it was only after the Ajax bench had protested loudly that Beazleigh realised Miller had been cautioned earlier, and that he now had to be sent off.

Albion was thus reduced to 10 men with 15 minutes of regulation time to go.

Perkins missed from 10 metres before Carr finally equalised with a 20-metre drive into the wind. Johnson had it covered but the wind changed the ball's direction at the last moment, deceiving Johnson and going into the net.

Segi missed from five metres as extra time started and then, as everyone was swinging at the ball in a goal-mouth scrimmage, Blair handled a shot by Carr and Beazleigh awarded a penalty.

Carr took the kick but Johnson saved brilliantly.

Ajax's winning goal came three minutes from the end of extra time. Johnson could only deflect a header from Carr and the ball dropped to Segi who slammed it home from point blank range.

Just before the end, Carr hit the bar for the second time. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

CROYDON CITY 3 ALTONA CITY 1

Ground: Croydon Park

Weather: Cool with showers

Crowd: 450

Scorers: Wyllie (C) 12th min, Lowrey (C) 17th min, Watters (A) 47th min, Tront (C) 54th min.

Referee: Les Hazlehurst 6.

Cautions: None

Ratings:

CROYDON: Edwards 6, Spink 7, McCombe 7, Pongho 6 (injured, C. Kelly 57th min.), T. Kelly 6, Lowrey 8, Smith 8, Tront 7, Sinclair 6, Wyllie 6, Hamilton 6. Total: 73

ALTONA: van der Poel 5, Lewis 5, Gramsbergen 6, Kelly 6, Train 6, Banagan 5, Watters 7, Murray 5, Gambin 4 (Wilson 5, half time), N. Little 7, J. Little 5 (Innes 6, half time). Total: 61

Altona City started its Ampol Cup campaign on a sour note, but for full back Peter Lewis, the game was nothing short of a disaster.

Lewis, the former Sunshine hard man, must take the blame for two of Croydon's three goals.

The two fatal mistakes Lewis made — in the 12th and 17th minutes of the game — killed stone dead any chance Altona had of defeating Croydon.

Croydon to its credit, made the most of Lewis' mistakes, but would be the first to admit it didn't play as well as it could have.

Lewis' first error came after a shocking goalkick by Han van der Poel. His kick-out barely made 40 yards but worse was that it went straight to Croydon danger man Pat Lowrey.

Lowrey, probably the best passer of a ball in the State League, was quick to spot team mate Jim Wyllie free on the left side of the park.

Lewis was meant to be marking Wyllie, but was nowhere to be seen. Lowrey's diagonal ball gave Wyllie acres of room to attack.

He strode into the Altona area unchallenged, and cracked a sizzling left-foot shot past van der Poel.

Five minutes later, Lewis went up for a cross against Croydon's Roy Hamilton and fisted the ball away. Most people in the crowd saw Lewis' crime, but referee Les Hazlehurst had to confer with his linesman before awarding a free kick to Croydon.

From 25 yards, Lowrey hit a bender that went through the end of the Altona defensive wall and curved back to leave van der Poel stranded on the other side of the goal.

The blame for this goal can be shared around, but Lewis started the trouble.

Croydon's midfield dominated in the first half. Duncan Smith won countless balls with strong tackles, while Lowrey sprayed around passes at will.

And Joe Tront, playing as a roaming forward, was never picked up by the Altona defence and created several headaches.

Altona was right up against it in the first half. On the forward line, Manny Gambin and John Little didn't have the strength or experience to hold the ball or worry the Croydon defence.

Nat Little toiled hard but on most occasions Altona had the ball coming straight back at it because it didn't have the ability to hold possessions up front.

Altona's midfield was lost. George Watters grafted all day, but the Altona linkmen operated too far apart to get anything going.

But after half time, Croydon's midfield domination slackened. Altona's midfielders and defenders started to push up at Croydon's linkmen, giving less time and space.

Croydon faltered and Altona was rewarded with a goal from Watters.

A flick from Banagan went through the Croydon defence on the edge of the penalty area, allowing Watters to nip in and tuck the ball past Edwards.

Altona looked in with a chance to snatch an equaliser, but a goal from Tront ended any hopes.

Altona, which started to play the offside trap in the second half as part of its plan to push forward at Croydon, came unstuck when a long clearance from Smith put Tront away.

The bouncing through ball brought van der Poel rushing out of his area, which could have been a mistake. Tront seized the opportunity and put a high lob into the net.

Croydon ran out comfortable winners, but will play better. It's midfield combination will worry many teams.

Altona coach Joe Wilson said after the game: "I'm pretty disappointed with our performance, and all the lads can improve. But I still expect Altona to make an impression in the competition." KYLE PATTERSON

Sunshine City goalkeeper Alan Contini saves above Peter Vaughan of Juventus. Other players, from left, are Claude Lucchesi, Hugh Howe, Nick Lowe and Rob Nelson.



A high ball eludes Svez Matsson of George Cross at Olympic Park. Other players, from left, are Carl Gilder (Croatia), Norm Maitland and Bill Wilkinson.

Reed to APIA for \$8000

George Cross striker Ken Reed has returned from England and is training with APIA in Sydney.

APIA was due to pay George Cross an \$8000 transfer fee for Reed this week. Reed was top scorer in the Victorian State League in the 1977 season.



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Ground: Olympic Park.
Weather: very hot and humid.
Crowd: About 2500.
Scorers (penalties): Castiello, Barron, Scicluna, Cutajar, Mizzi (George Cross).
Referee: Joe Slasta 7.
Cautions: Maltland (GC), Cutajar (CC).
Ratings: GEORGE CROSS: Matson 10; Cutajar 9, Wilkinson 8, Maltland 9, Barron 7, Bilusic 6, Mifsud 7, Castiello 7, Papers 9.5, Mizzi 9, Scicluna 6. Total: 98.5.
CROATIA: Banovic 9.5; Smart 6, Kokoza 6, Gardiner 6, Bilaver 6; Andrews 7, Murphy 5 (Laurie 40th min), Kerr 6; Cumming 6.5, Glider 6, Culina 6.5 (injured, sub. Franjic 84th). Total: 70.5.

Gutsy has become a cliché in sports writing but there is no word that describes the victory by George Cross more accurately. Goalkeeper Svez Matson became the hero of the Maltese fans when he saved three times in the penalties shootouts, but there were also other outstanding performances.

Jim Paparas, for example, would have been given a 10-point rating had he not made his one mistake in hitting the crossbar during the penalties.

Paparas ran non-stop in midfield despite the sweltering heat of more than 30 degrees. Some of his runs were right out of the soccer textbook but his team mates failed to deliver the ball.

Ray Mizzi from Thomastown, playing as a striker with Tony Scicluna, was excellent in making space, shielding the ball and posing danger to the Croatia defence. It was fitting that he should score the winning penalty.

Norm Maltland also played a major part in this victory by restricting Carl Glider to only three or four dangerous shots.

George Cross had been expected to lose heavily because it lined up without John Webb and Robert Mirak who mysteriously did not turn up, and Rob Cullen and Ken Reed who went trans-

fered. But John Sanchez's men fought like tigers for every ball and ran themselves into the ground whereas Croatia's players looked lethargically until they finally realised that they had to work to salvage anything from this game.

Had it not been for goalkeeper Yalka Banovic, Croatia may have lost the match during regular time, as Banovic made a great save from Laurie Bilusic's long drive and also smothered a close-in attempt by Francis Mifsud who ripped onto an unwise back-pass from John Gardiner.

Apart from Howard Andrews, the Croatia midfield was below par.

In the 50th minute, Paparas lost the ball in attack, allowing Croatia to break away through Glider who hit the far post from an angle but saw the ball bounce back into the arms of Matson.

Mizzi got away on a long ball for George Cross but was run down by Gardiner inside the penalty area but the remaining chances belonged to Croatia.

Andrews missed from close range on a square ball from Cumming, and Culina had a fine shot tipped over the bar by Matson.

Each team scored only three of its first five penalties. Matson saved shots by Alan Kerr and Tommy Cumming, while Banovic stopped Billy Wilkinson's attempt and Paparas hit the bar. Those who did score during the first set of penalties were Castiello (1-0), Glider (1-1), Barron (2-1), Franjic (2-2), Gardiner (3-2) and Scicluna (3-3).

Then it was into the sudden death period.

Andrews made it 4-3. Cutjar levelled at 4-4. Kokoza's bad shot was turned by Matson and Mizzi hit the winner to make it 5-4. — LAURIE SCHWAB

George Cross goalkeeper Svez Matson punches clear above Carl Glider

Two under-prepared teams of players competing in heat wave conditions doesn't produce world class soccer. Preston and Hakoah went through the motions of playing 70 minutes, but the result doesn't carry much significance.

Neither side created much and had Preston's George McMillan not had a penalty saved in the second half, the game could well have finished a stalemate.

However, several interesting things came out of the game. Firstly, Hakoah will be without ace striker Mike Clarey for at least two months and probably longer. Clarey, the former Mooroolbark striker, underwent a cartilage operation last week and is currently walking with crutches and heavy strapping on his knee.

His partner, Graham French must now carry the burden in Hakoah's forward line, aided by wingers Les Nagy, Sean Rooney and George Craig.

Success for Hakoah will depend on how well French can operate on his own.

French and Clarey previously played together at Mooroolbark.

Hakoah's defence, indecisive and often cumbersome against Preston, needs improving.

Without the experienced David Baker marshalling the Hakoah defenders, Frank Micic's boys look uncertain.

Preston showed it is desperately in need of a commanding midfielder.

Against Hakoah Eric Leabirel, who recently returned from holidays, Mike Rainey and John Bernard linked up well at times, but their good work was in small pockets of the field.

A midfielder who can combine with both defence and attack is needed.

Preston may sign Dave Rigby from Adelaide City in an attempt to fill this void.

Up front, McMillan and Faulkner are almost certain to hold their places and may be joined by Robert Cullen from George Cross.

In defence, Preston may go for the combination of Chris Petrov, Eric Leabirel, Dave Garthwaite and Steve Beech.

Petrov was impressive against Hakoah with the way he attacked from full back.

The first half was dead until the last five minutes when Preston surged towards the Hakoah goal.

A 40-yard drive from Beech brought a great save from Billy Whiteside minutes before the interval.

Preston, for the first time in the half, penetrated fully the Hakoah defence. During the first 35 minutes, many Preston moves broke down before the final pass.

Hakoah's best chance of the half came when Nagy found the ball at his feet near goal after a free kick. But he blasted over the crossbar.

Preston was awarded a penalty after the interval when a cross from Petrov struck Anton Dosen on the arm. The Hakoah players were furious, saying Dosen had no chance of avoiding the ball.

However, referee Colin Johns pointed to the spot. Whiteside earned himself a yellow card for protesting too vigorously, but got his own back by saving McMillan's spot kick.

Soon after, Hakoah found enough to catch Preston exposed in defence. A through ball from the midfield allowed French to run on and place a shot past Lou Kastner in the Preston goal.

After the game, Hakoah coach Frank Micic said he was pleased to win, but that his team was far from fit.

"We will not go flat out in the Ampol Cup," said Micic. "The season is too long for part-time players, so we will build up slowly."

"If we do well in the competition, it is a bonus."

Hakoah secretary Kurt Defris announced his club had not yet signed Waverley City youngster Michael Loh, as reported in Soccer Action last week. — KYLE PATTERSON

SLAVIA 1 FRANKSTON 0

Ground: Croydon Park
Weather: Cool and overcast
Crowd: about 150
Scorer: Aldridge 17th min.
Referee: Chas McRae 7
Cautions: Tuft (S), Gillespie (F).
Ratings: SLAVIA: McPherson 6, Thompson 6, Zandvoort 7, Westley 6, Shuttleworth 7, Train 8, Tuft 6, Cooke 6, Paton 3, Aldridge 5, Williams 5 (Pye 57th min). Total: 74.
FRANKSTON: Peterson 6, V. Benson 6, Gillespie 5, Parrot 5 (injured (Savage 68th min)), Tulloch 7, Fox 5 (Taylor 60th min.), Webster 7, Brown 5, Coulson 5, Mitten 8, Campbell 6. Total: 65.

Slavia has potentially the best forward duo in the State League in Steve Aldridge and Jamie Paton.

Their forward work was a feature of Slavia's game against Frankston City, and exposed the Bayside club's distinct weakness in defence.

Slavia's tactics involved leaving the team's forward line well open, calling for the midfielders and defenders to play passes into space.

Paton and Aldridge were excellent at coming off their markers to collect the ball and work in the room given to them.

The pair played many precise lay-offs to supporting team-mates, but often beat defenders with lightning turn.

The pace of Paton and Aldridge created countless headaches for central defenders Eric Gillespie and Alan Parrott.

Aldridge's goal, however, was a piece of opportunism. Jim Train hooked a high ball into the Frankston penalty area, where the defence stood and watched it bounce before Aldridge put it in the net with a half bicycle kick.

Frankston's defence was totally lost against Paton and Aldridge. Even from Slavia throw-ins, the Frankston defenders were drawn into a bunch, leaving space on the flanks. A quick break, and Paton or Aldridge had space and time to work with.

Slavia impressed with the speed with which it moved the ball around and its avoidance of the long, hopeful high ball.

Train worked tirelessly on the right side of the midfield and veteran utility Brian Tuft had a useful game.

John Zandvoort, after a shaky start, and Mick Shuttleworth, who recently transferred from Bayswater, were the best of Slavia's defenders.

Frankston has problems. Its defence was too slow and failed to deliver good passes forward.

In the midfield, Tommy Fox needs to lose weight before he can be considered, and Abbe Brown must take more responsibility.

He was under instruction from coach Freddy Bunco to play deep and help Vince Bannon mark Jim Williams, but he lacked the desire to get the ball, and ended up virtually as a fifth defender.

Keith Webster was Frankston's only creative midfielder.

Up front Frankston had no width. Willie Culson, assigned to the left flank, was in no man's land not enough to be a winger, and not deep enough to get involved in the midfield.

The right flank was left open for full back Bannon's overlapping, but this did not eventuate.

As a result, Frankston was confined to playing balls at Noel Mitten and Norrie Campbell, but just the same failed to give any support to these two players.

Mitten is not a target man. He prefers to pick up the ball and run at defenders and he worried Slavia with his dribbling efforts.

Overall, Frankston lacked mobility, having not enough players prepared to push and run. It lacked fire, having only two shots at goal the whole game.

But is coach Bunco worried by his team's poor form?

"Today's form made me happy," he said with a grin. "It's the best we have played all year."

Frankston is hoping English imports Kevin Swincoe, Paul Martin and Alan O'Meara can lift the team.

Swincoe, a forward, will hopefully give Frankston a target man. Conspicuous by his absence was Slavia midfielder Steve Short, who is believed to want a transfer to Essendon Croatia.

However, good news for Slavia is the showing of imports Alex McPherson, a goalkeeper, and Paul Cooke, a midfielder.

Slavia has appointed former Box Hill coach Colin Hasler as assistant to Harry Chalkitis. — KYLE PATTERSON

Juventus forward John Lucchesi SUNSHINE 1 JUVENTUS 0 a.e.t.

Ground: Green Gully Reserve.
Weather: Mild and overcast.
Crowd: About 400.
Scorer: Pocock 68th min.
Referee: Jim Fokianos 8.
Cautions: Mock (Juve), D. Nelson (Sun).
Ratings: SUNSHINE: Corneli 7, Dwyer 6, Lowe 7, Ellis 6, Howe 5 (Gilmour full time); McRobert 5, Pocock 7, R. Nelson 5; A. Esposito 4 (Mussel 57th), Lang 5, D. Nelson 5. Total 62.
JUVENTUS: Hawke 7.5; Sabadini 6, Vaughan 7, Mock 6, Targinio 6; Sabidussi 4, Smith 6.5, Symington 4; C. Luchesi 7, Curcio 6.5 (injured sub. Della Rocca 69th), J. Lucchesi 6. Total: 65.

You'd have to go a long way to see worse soccer than the poor spectators at this match were subjected to.

The first half should have been filmed and shown to youngsters as an example of how not to play the game.

I didn't see more than two passes in succession during this period.

And there were only two shots at goal for the entire half — a 25-metre drive by Claude Lucchesi that was saved one-handed by Alan Corneli, and a miss by Will Laing after a short pass by Dave Nelson.

Corneli, son of the former referee, was in goal in place of John Scholten who apparently had not agreed on contract terms.

Surprisingly, Frank Mussel was on the bench and did not come on for Sunshine until late in the game.

There were many bad performances in this match but only a few good ones.

Both goalkeepers were sound, especially Terry Hawke, playing his first game for Juventus after being transferred from Fitzroy Alexander. Hawke had previously been with Frankston and Mooroolbark.

Ray Pocock toiled away dutifully in midfield and scored the winning goal. Claude Lucchesi was the only Juventus midfielder who moved up to support his attack, and the opposing sweepers, Nick Lowe of Sunshine and Peter Vaughan of Juventus were both sound.

There was an appalling lack of width in both teams. Attacks came through the middle much too often.

Juventus was the better team in the second half and was therefore perhaps unlucky to lose after Pocock's goal two minutes from the end of extra time.

John Lucchesi hit the side netting just after half time and a good run by Bruno Sabidussi would have resulted in a goal had Rob Nelson not hooked the ball over the bar from behind Sabidussi in the nick of time.

Then Claude Lucchesi ran onto a cross from Charlie Smith but missed from five metres!

Tony Curcio, who had been feeding good passes forward, received a nifty back-heeler from Dave Nelson, but with Hawke well off his line, Pocock's stab-shot rolled just wide of the far post, sending the match into extra time.

Stewart Gilmour replaced Hugh Howe for Sunshine, and Stewart Gilmour replaced Hugh Howe for Sunshine, and Jim McRobert moved to Howe's left back position.

Pocock hit the winning goal on the volley after Rob Nelson's corner had been headed out to him. — LAURIE SCHWAB



Croatia's Tommy Cumming (No. 9) dribbles past Tony Castiello of George Cross at Olympic Park on Friday night. At right is Steve Kokoza (Croatia). Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

\$5000 OFFER FOR GARDINER

Preston Makedonia made a \$5000 offer for Essendon Croatia's disgruntled sweeper John Gardiner before the Ampol Cup kicked off at Olympic Park last Friday night.

However, Croatia asked for Makedonia's Paul Hallam in exchange, as well as the

\$5000, and Gardiner reportedly wanted \$2000 for himself.

Makedonia decided the price was too high, so Gardiner played in Croatia's game against George Cross and cannot play for any other club in the Ampol Cup, even if he is eventually transferred.

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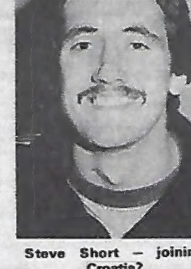
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Steve Short - joining Croatia?

Spotlight on Victorian State League coaches

Ajax can be great says coach Vojtek

Soccer has taken Billy Vojtek all over the globe — from Athens to Bangkok, Jerusalem to Jakarta — but now his career has a new lease of life at St. Albans, Victoria.

The much-travelled former Soccerio is showing new enthusiasm after taking over as player-coach of West suburban State League club Green Gully Ajax.

Vojtek quickly settled in with his newly-adopted club and has impressed with his approach to coaching in his first season in the cut-throat game.

"I'm extremely confident I can do a good job for Green Gully," said Vojtek. "I decided to get into coaching, but not with just any team. Ajax has potential to be a great club and I want to be part of a successful outfit."

The past two seasons have seen Vojtek dogged by injury. The shine had gone off his image and his explosive speed didn't split defences as it used to.

But the rejuvenated former Croatia star is likely to re-emerge as a top player in the State League — not so much as a dangerous, match-winning forward, but as an experienced leader on the field.

The injuries have cleared up and Vojtek is looking forward to playing with the Greens.

"I have plenty of soccer left in me," said Vojtek. "If I can avoid injuries I will play for a while to come. I have the enthusiasm and desire to play but injuries really take their toll these days."

Vojtek, who along with Mike Lynn of Albion Rovers is the least experienced coach in the league, believes this factor will not greatly hinder him.

"I have learned enough from playing international and representative soccer to be able to coach. My knowledge and experience will help me."

"I want to put something back into the game and be able to pass on anything I have picked up."

Vojtek added he was a keen

student of the game, constantly reading coaching material.

"I have played under many top coaches," he added, "and have learned different things from each."

Vojtek named former Croatia coach Michael Klas as the man who influenced him most.

Kiss a former Yugoslav First Division player, did extensive coaching study in Yugoslavia.

"Michael taught me a coach must use his players in the position that suits them best. He could sum up a player's strong points very well, and know in what position that player should be used."

"Coaches like Rale Rasic, who was a defender as a player, and placed emphasis on defence, had a different view. Rale wanted players to run hard and tackle strongly. Sometimes a player wasn't suited to this, but Rale pushed them on. He is a very stubborn coach."

Vojtek said he has the ability to spot a good player, and backs up the Kiss style.

"I know a good player when I see one," said Billy. "That's the secret: to be able to see a player's good and bad points, and use him in a position that suits him, and that fits in with my plans."

Vojtek said he was confident that playing wouldn't upset his coaching duties.

It will be an advantage being on the ground with my players," he said, "and being able to talk to and encourage them. Being a playing coach shouldn't be a problem."

I suggested to Vojtek that

players who had a lot of natural

ability, never had to analyse or

work on their style and therefore,

because they didn't have to do as



Billy Vojtek

much thinking about the game, took longer to develop into top coaches.

But he disagreed.

"My ability didn't come naturally," he said. "My speed and agility were maybe natural attributes, but I had to work hard on my ball control."

"I often used to spend hours practising on my own, just so I could master one trick. I still analyse my performances, trying to work out new methods."

At Green Gully, Billy has been impressed by several players.

"Steve Carr is an excellent forward," he said, "and Willie Vassello and Ian McCarthy provide a steady influence."

"John Patten is a solid defender, and will link up well with John Cain when he returns from holiday."

In the future, Vojtek intends to travel to England, West Germany and Yugoslavia to study coaching.

His 1979 forecast for Green Gully is full of hope.

"We aren't afraid of any team," he said. "Green Gully has the talent and confidence to do well."

"Our team will be up with the leaders, mark my words."

If success is inbred in a person, Green Gully has picked the right man to lead it to the stars.

Billy Vojtek has represented

Australia and Victoria, and is one

of the all-time great forwards of

soccer in this country.

His clubs here include Croatia

Melbourne, Essendon, Croatia,

Sydney Croatia and Juventus

Melbourne.

ALBION WON'T SINK — LYNN

NEW Albion Rovers coach Mike Lynn laughs off suggestions he has joined a sinking ship.

Six months ago the club was sinking," said Lynn. "But now we are just about afloat. Give us six months and Albion will be sailing."

"I've been surprised the amount of talent there is at the club. When all our players are available, we will cause a few surprises."

"I'm positive we will not get relegated."

The sceptics may laugh at Lynn, 28, who is easily the youngest coach in the State League.

His optimism will be shattered, they say, after Albion has lost a couple of games 0-5 and is sitting on the bottom of the league.

Then the club will have no money, no players and no hope.

I hate to disappoint all the pessimists, but Albion and Lynn have a good chance to prove you wrong.

For a start, Lynn has some of the best qualifications of any coach in the State League.

His squad includes experienced players like Bill McIntyre, Alex Wark, Bill Johnston and Bill McCormack and potentially great youngsters Steven Blair and Mick D'Sylva.

Add Kit Greochan, Bobby Nisbet and possibly Alan Quinn and Albion suddenly has the back bone of a State League team.

Lynn, however, has no doubt this season will be a hard one for him and his club. But it will not be a disaster.

"Everyone expects us to finish bottom," he said. "We aren't under pressure to win the league, but still the players are responding enthusiastically in training."

In the Ampol Cup we will probably have half our reserve team playing, but that will help those young lads. We will struggle in the night competition, but the league will be a different matter."

Diplomacy aside, Lynn, from the 'new school' of coaches emerging in the State League, honestly believes he has the ability to keep

Albion Rovers in the State League.

The former Ringwood City, Croydon City and Dandenong City striker has also the chance to kick off a new trend in Victorian coaching.

Lynn has attained the highest level of coaching in the present Australian coaching system — a senior badge.

To my knowledge, only two other coaches in the State League — Freddy Bunce of Frankston City and Harry Chalkidis of Slavica — have similar qualifications.

They are from the 'new school'. Of the remaining nine State League coaches, the majority are probably anti-coaching courses — definitely from the 'old school'.

And the battle between the two groups (the gap between the two is considerable) will have a significant bearing on the coaching standard in Victoria.

I qualified for the senior badge in 1976," said Lynn. "Before I became involved with the coaching system I thought I knew all I needed about soccer."

But the courses open your eyes to a lot of things. Because I passed it doesn't mean I'm a good coach, and because someone else failed it doesn't mean he is a bad coach. The important thing is you start thinking more about the game."

Lynn is quick to point out that a senior badge doesn't mean he is a top coach. But the knowledge gained helps put a coach on the right track.

"I know what I want," he added, "and can get the message across. I realise it isn't common for someone to take on a State League team in their first coach-

ing position, but to me it's the perfect challenge."

"I want to coach at the highest level I can, and gain as much experience as possible."

While the 'new school' increases in size every year, the 'old school' remains rigid.

"A lot of current coaches and players in the State and Philips Leagues don't get involved with coaching courses because they are afraid of failing."

"They don't want to risk being unsuccessful and let their egos take a battering. They maintain having a certificate doesn't prove a thing, and they are right. But it does open up your eyes."

State Director of Coaching Len Mackenzie has lifted the standard of the coaching courses, which has resulted in less people passing.

However, Lynn disagrees this will further discourage players and coaches becoming involved with the courses.

"The English F A coaching scheme used to virtually hand out its qualifications," said Lynn. "If a player or coach of a First Division club attended a course he would be certain to pass because of his status."

But the West Germans, who modelled their coaching system on the English one, kept their standards high, and continue to do so.

"Over the last five years, the English system has increased in standard, but look at the state of English coaching at the moment."

"The Germans kept their standards high, and their soccer is better for it."

Lynn added there is little point in lowering the standard of the Australian coaching scheme just



Mike Lynn

to get more big-name players and coaches involved.

"I think soccer will benefit in the long run if a high standard is maintained in the coaching set up," he said.

But back to Albion. Lynn is hopeful of being able to be player-coach by the middle of the season.

"Obviously," he said, "the club is short of money. My old club Dandenong wants \$1200 for my transfer, which is beyond Albion at this stage of the year."

"Hopefully by June the club will be able to start negotiating for my transfer. We aren't overloaded with good players, so I think I would be a boost to the squad."

Lynn said the next few years would be used by Albion to consolidate.

"The new committee is a hard working group," he said. "We certainly will not be running into the same troubles as last year."

"The club isn't bankrupt, or facing huge debts. We aren't very financial at present, however."

The progress of Lynn and Albion Rovers will be a point of great interest in the State League. I have a feeling they will win a few admirers before the season is out.

Mike Lynn did an apprenticeship with Wolves in England, and later played in the Yorkshire League. He scored around 140 goals during his nine-year career in Australian soccer.



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SOCEROO SURRENDER!

Star Aussies hide as Wisla cruises home

By ALEX VESIC

Hardly getting into the second gear for most of the match, Wisla Krakow from Poland relied heavily on Australia's mistakes to win the match.

And mistakes were a plenty.

In fact if one counted the unforced errors committed by the Australian men, one might easily find that the Guinness' book of records need changing to allow for a certain high double figure!

Wisla was quick to pounce on the loose ball and make the most of Australia's mistakes.

A terrible defensive blunder in the 13th minute allowed Kazimierz Kmiecik to push one home and give the visitors the lead.

Marcel Motyka crossed from the right, but his attempt to find his forwards was cut out by Tony Henderson.

Alas, our unfortunate Tony, couldn't manage to trap the ball, and it skidded under his foot to the completely unmarked Kmiecik, only five metres from the line, and he gave Allan Maher no chance at all.

Australia could have easily gone ahead before Wisla scored with an inch of enterprise from our young forwards.

It happened after 11 minutes of the game gone with John O'Shea finding Mark Jankovic on the edge of the visitors area. Peter Sharne, Mark Jankovic and Joe Piccione faced two Polish defenders, and with Piccione on his own just behind Jankovic, our central striker, pushed the ball wide for Sharne and the chance went begging.

Sharne was well covered and his shot blocked.

Wisla was content to hold on to its slender lead and rarely looked menacing, and once more it was only due to some poor passing by Australia's players that led to frequent attacks by the visitors.

For once Wisla attacked with more than four men and almost paid a penalty. John O'Shea, certainly Australia's best on the day, picked up a loose ball some 35 metres from Australia's goal line then sent a perfectly-timed pass to Sharne, who showed a clean pair of heels to his marker but failed to convert the simplest of chances when faced by the Wisla goalkeeper.

His shot was hard enough,

but straight at the advancing Gonet Stanislaw.

In the 43rd minute Piccione, after a very quiet spell, burst through the middle, then with the outside of his right foot sent a perfect through ball to Sharne, who managed to beat the full back for speed. He sent a low cross into the Wisla goalmouth for Jankovic to glide home an unstoppable shot from close range.

It was the best goal of the

WISLA KRAKOW v AUSTRALIA 3-1, 1:1

Ground: Sydney Sports Ground

Weather: Fine

Crowd: 7271

Goals: Kmiecik (13'), Jankovic (43'), Krupinski (55'), 1:3, Kmiecik (79').

Referee: Tony Boskovic 8.

Corner kicks: Wisla 6, Australia 5.

Free kicks: Wisla 8, Australia 3.

WISLA: Stanislaw 8, Motyka 7 (Gazda 70'), Maculewicz 8, Ptaszewski 7, Budka 7, Lipka 7, Skrobowski 7 (Wrobel 45' - 7), Kapka 8, Nawalka 7, Kmiecik 8, Krupinski 7 (Targosz 63' - 7).

AUSTRALIA: Maher 8, Perry 6, Degney 5, S. O'Connor 6, Henderson 6, J. O'Shea 9, Sharne 7, P. O'Connor 85' Barnes 6, Jankovic 7, Piccione 6 (Souness 75'), Silva 5 (Boden 62' - 5).

game and one of the only good moves by the Australians.

The visitors started strongly in the second half with Henryk Maculewicz giving Paul Degney a lot of trouble.

Only two minutes after the restart, Maculewicz was quick to spot the second half replacement Wrobel, who in turn squared the ball across the goalmouth, but his low cross just managed to beat a slide by Adam Nawalka.

Nawalka was completely unmarked and Maher was exposed, but luckily for Australia, the Polish forward was short by an inch.

In the 55th minute a mistake by Hilton Silva and some poor tackling by Degney led to visitors second goal.

Silva failed to come and meet the ball, passed him by one of the midfielders, giving Motyka an easy intercept. Motyka raced down the



The Australia XI squad before the match against Wisla, standing from left: Raoul Blanco (assistant coach), Auden Brown (NSW Federation secretary), Steve O'Connor, Murray Barnes, Paul Degney (observed), Tony Henderson, Mark Jankovic, Allan Maher, Michael Fraser, Phil O'Connor, Kevin Mullen, Les Scheinflug (coach), Front: masseur, Joe Piccione, John O'Shea, Peter Sharne, Steve Perry, Hilton Silva, Ken Boden, Ian Souness.

minutes later after some good work by Steve Perry and Jankovic.

Perry raced across the centre line, and with Wisla men content to cover rather than go for the ball, Perry was able to come almost to the edge of the area then centre for Jankovic to flick the ball to the far post to the completely unmarked Sharne.

Unfortunately, Sharne closed his eyes, and hoping for the best, skied the ball well over the bar from seven metres out.

Wisla almost got its fourth goal and this one would have been credited exclusively to Wisla players.

Fortunately for us, the ball didn't finish in the net despite the chance that Wisla players rarely waste. Zdzislaw Kapka, Nawalka and Kmiecik combined for some thirty metres, and the final one-two move between Kapka and Kmiecik led to a great chance for the scorer of two Wisla goals.

However his shot from some 14 metres finished just outside the post.

In the closing minutes Wisla carefully hung on to the ball preserving its two goal lead, and despite the protests by the crowd showed some superb skills in keeping possession.

After the game a disappointed Les Scheinflug was very bitter about the mistakes we made: "I don't mind the errors during the game, but to commit so many unforced errors in one 90 minute game is beyond my comprehension."

Wisla is a professional outfit and a very quick counter-attacking side; the style Europe depends on these days. To go and chase the ball

simply because of that fact. Your players assembled only days before the game and in such a short time you do not create a team."

Gonet was quite happy to give me a few more hints on the success story of Polish soccer as well as the numbers of Australia's men who played well:

"Number 9, 7, 6 and the goalkeeper were very good, particularly number 9," said Gonet.

The success of Poland? "In Poland, it is important that at National level we create a good team, unlike England, where

club soccer is of the highest standard, yet its National team is not rated highly.

"Polish clubs are always secondary when the selection of the national team is carried out. Our national team training is carried out for long periods to insure success," concluded the Polish goalkeeper.

To say that some of our players failed to impress is to put it mildly as some of them, either overawed by the occasion or simply outclassed, failed to produce the sort of play we are accustomed to seeing from them.

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But the Australians are in top physical condition and have surprised South American admirers with their vigorous training schedules.

"We must have fitness, dedication and concentration," said Gutendorf. "The South Americans' skill is superior to ours and we must play a tough, physical game if we are to cause an upset."

Gutendorf let his charges know he was in a tough mood before they left Australia. During one session, the under-19s played four 90-minute games in one day!

Australia's full list of games in Asuncion is: Feb-

ruary 7 v. Paraguay, February 9 v. Israel, February 14 v. Israel and February 16 v. Paraguay.

The highlight of the Soccerero tour has been a 3-2 victory over Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) club Flamengo.

Goals from Ian Hunter and Craig Hall (2) gave the Australians a 3-0 lead before the local club brought on Brazilian World Cup player Paulo Cesar.

Paulo Cesar scored a goal and helped his team recover

to 2-3, but the Soccereros hung on.

Zico, the ace forward of the Brazilian World Cup team, didn't play against the Soccereros as reported.

Later, Gutendorf made a decision that his squad should leave its Rio training camp, which was near the famous Copacabana beach, five days ahead of schedule.

The beautiful girls and carnival atmosphere of Rio was too much of a distraction, said Gutendorf.

He was extremely impressed by the Wisla full backs and the way the midfielders broke through to threaten the goal.

McKendrey will work on getting his players to pressure the Wisla men more than the Soccereros did last Sunday.

His team played against Hakosha Kioka last night (Tuesday).

Goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse spoke to Australian reporters by phone four hours after arriving in Paraguay.

Asked if the players had much time off for tourist indulgence, he replied: "We're all just playing soccer."

"We will do well against Paraguay," he added. Woodhouse was the only member of the team awake. The rest was sleeping in preparation for an early morning training session.

The Soccerero squad has been getting a lot of publicity and there are plans for a game in Chile before the return to Australia.

because Hakosha plays like Wisla in defence.

The Victorian team is: Peter Laumens or Yaka Banovic - Chris Kalafatis or Steve Short, Steve Kokoska, John Yandoom, Jim Tansey - John Gardiner, Jimmy Rooney, Joe Piccione or Joe Trent - Jim Thomson, Carl Gibbins, Tony Gunning or Jim Williams.

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Motyka, the right back, inspired Wisla's first two goals. He is doubtful for tonight's match but should be fit to play against Victoria.

Wisla has disappointed the Australian public to some extent by not bringing along two of its internationals, Antoni Szymanski and Andrzej Iwan.

However, it is still a formidable line-up, featuring Kaz Kmiecik, Leszek Lipka and Janusz Krupinski, the men who scored the goals in Wisla's 3-1 victory over Brugge in the second leg of their European Cup first round tie.

Victorian State coach Ian McKendrey who watched Wisla beat Australia in Sydney, was impressed by the Polish ability to retain possession for long periods.

Uli Stielike back for new-look Germany

Uli Stielike is back in the new-look West German national team — and he's back to stay!

A new rule which allows players active abroad to represent West Germany enabled Stielike to take time off from Real Madrid to win his sixth cap in Germany's 3-1 win against a weakened Holland just before Christmas.

Stielike, who joined Spanish league leader Real Madrid from Moenchengladbach, lined up in midfield alongside Culmann and Alfaro.

Hans Mueller of VfB Stuttgart was still suspended from league matches, so he could not play. Hence the presence of Alfaro.

Dietrich Burdinski, 28, of Werder Bremen (which toured Australia in 1970) was,

In goal in place of Sapp Malar who, at 34, is being phased out of the national team.

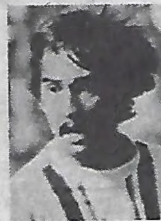
Rainer Bonhof, now with Mario Kempes at Valencia, played as a central defender for the first time. Given his natural instincts as a midfielder, Bonhof played an offensive game even though Gerd Zewe was supposed to be the libero. The result was that Germany played with two liberos, which meant the emphasis of Germany's play was heavily on attack.

Coach Jupp Derwall's "new" Germany was: Burdinski — Kaltz, Zewe, Bonhof, Dietz (capt) — Culmann (Zimmermann) 55th min), Stielike, Alfaro — Abramczik

(Borochars 79th), Fischer, Rummenigge.

Most of those players (room will have to be found for Hans Mueller as well) will be in the team to meet Malta on February 25 in their European Championship Group Seven match. The others in the group are Wales and Turkey, so it looks like a walkover for the Germans.

Getting back to the game against Holland (which followed a 4-3 win over Josef Venglos' Czechoslovakia), it must be pointed out that the Dutch missed Hean Goels, Rensenbrink, Rene van der Kerkhof and two possible replacements, Nanninga and Kist. Nevertheless, Holland did



Uli Stielike

field seven men from the side that met Argentina in the World Cup final.

Rummenigge gave Germany a 1-0 lead in the 22nd minute from a pass by Zewe and Fischer made it 2-0 in the 57th minute — his first goal since scoring in the 1-1 draw with Wales in December, 1977.

La Ling scored for Holland and Bonhof made it 3-1 with one of his free kick specialties five minutes from the end.

And so Holland has failed to beat Germany for 22 years. The last victory was on March 14, 1956 — in Dusseldorf.

SLASH WORLD TO EIGHT TEAMS SAYS SIR STAN

As Spain continues to push towards a 24-team World Cup in 1980, former FIFA president Sir Stanley Rous has come out in favor of only eight finalists.

In an interview with Leslie Vernon in "World Soccer," Sir Stanley said:

"Let us assume that Spain will be able to stage a tournament with 24 countries, but I am sure that Colombia won't be capable of doing the same in 1986. We cannot change the number of finalists to suit the host country.

"And in my view, football must pay for itself. It is all very well to obtain revenue from other sources, but a World Cup must be self-supporting through the gates receipts.

"In Argentina, they managed to fill the stadiums for unimportant matches, but with 24 teams, the number of these games will go up — will the Spanish public be interested in let's say, watching Nigeria against Bulgaria?"

"I well remember the occasion when England played Hungary in Chile, and there

were around 2,000 people in the stadium.

"Out of those, 1,999 were listening to their transistor radios, where commentators of other games were relayed. "And we must not forget the qualifying competition, either! If everyone will get into the finals — they are even talking about 'inviting' teams! — there will be no interest left in the qualifying competition.

"That's two years without any real competitive football — all for the sake of two extra long unnecessary weeks in Spain.

"By all means arrive at 16 finalists, then have an extra home and away round of matches to halve that number.

"Imagine the excitement these games would create. The stadiums would be full, and the World Cup itself would feature only the eight strongest teams."



Sir Stanley Rous (centre), the greets Victorian Soccer Federation during a visit to Australia. He is FIFA secretary Dr. H. Dockerty and vice-president Dr. H.

In brief

Korean ace in Germany

Che Bum Keun, who has been consistently the best player for South Korea in matches against Australia, has joined West German Bundesliga club SV Darmstadt.

Cha, who has more than 40 South Korea caps, played his first match against Bochum recently, and will return to Germany shortly, as soon as he is discharged from the Korean air force.

He scored Korea's goal in its 1-2 loss to Australia in Sydney in 1977 in their World Cup qualifying match.

Deported?

Foreigners playing in Spain will be sent home at

the end of the season if the Spanish Supreme Council for Sport has its way.

The Council has told the Spanish Football Federation (FEF) it believes that foreign players should be banned and that the foreigners now playing in Spain (64 in the First Division) should be sent home at the end of the year.

Spanish clubs are not panicking — yet!

They regard the Council's idea as only a recommendation — so far.

Hertha hit

Hertha BSC of West Berlin — once the best supported club in the West German Bundesliga, has hit hard times.

The fans, cut off from the rest of Germany and reliant upon Hertha for their sports

thrills, are simply fed up with Hertha's failure to impress.

The home gate for the UEFA Cup match against Esbjerg of Denmark was a mere 3,296 and Hertha's deficit has reached a staggering \$1.3 million.

Halihodzic

Vahid Halihodzic who scored 10 goals on Velaz Mostar's 1976 Australian tour, has been voted Yugoslav Footballer of the Year.

second in the voting was Nenad Stojkovic of Partizan and third Wilson Ozoni of Dynamo Zagreb.

Partizan Belgrade won the Mitropa Cup by beating Honved of Hungary 1-0 but Partizan coach Ante Mladinic resigned soon afterwards.

The second half of the Yugoslav league championship starts on March 4.

King Kist

Holland may be losing fans but it leads in the goal-scoring stakes.

Feyenoord, which drew 50,000 spectators every week only a few years ago, now has an average home gate of only 20,775.

Ajax draws an average of only 14,000 and Roda 13,785. Biggest drawcard is PSV Eindhoven with 22,375.

Holland has an international with Italy scheduled for this month but things are so bad that the FA is hoping to switch the venue away from Dutch soil because there is no guarantee of getting a big enough crowd.

The Dutch fans are far from happy with this national team. Not only did it lose the World Cup final, but it also lost 1-3 to West Germany in Dusseldorf just before Christmas.

At least the goalscorers are maintaining the Dutch tradition of excellence. Kees Kist of AZ 67 is the leading scorer on the continent, with 21 goals.

Austria OK

Average crowd in the 10-team Austrian Bundesliga was 6,651 at the half-way mark — a slight increase from the early season figure of 5,200.

Austria/WAC, featuring veteran Thomas Partz who is top scorer with 16 goals from 18 matches, and World Cup striker Walter Schachner, is likely to win the championship, but it is not the best-supported club.

Whereas WAC draws average crowd of 8,000, Voest Linz averages 9,950 and Austria Salzburg gets 8,555.

Top Turk

Ozer of the Adanaspor club is leading scorer in Turkey, with eight goals at the half-way mark of the championship.

The second half starts on Saturday, with Trabzonspor holding a one-point lead over Fenerbahce at the top of the ladder. Galatasaray is third, three points behind the leader.

Trabzonspor's goalkeeper, Senol, has conceded only one goal in 115 matches so far.

National team in spot in trouble

By ARTHUR ROTMIL

GREEK FOOTBALL looks back on a year of mixed fortunes. The domestic game is certainly in turmoil and the early departure of the four clubs engaged in European tournaments has only added fuel to the fires of criticism voiced by the sporting Press and concerning the mismanagement at club level.

The silver lining was unexpectedly provided by the national team, who surprised even their most ardent followers with two remarkable victories in the European Championship: An 8-1 triumph over Finland was the Greeks' first win for 17 months and the highest ever in an international. This was followed by a cracking 4-1 victory against Hungary to put Greece at the top of the qualifying group VI.

And so the national side, for so long the butt of jokes and the "poor relation" is suddenly

in vogue. Manager Alketas Panagoulas is now the most sought after personality and he appears in an endless stream of interviews. Since he took over, in the summer of 1977, Panagoulas, who was already once the national chief (1974-76), has gradually rejuvenated the squad, disposing of long established, but obviously aged stars like Papaioannou, Domazos, Tersanis and Koudeas. Occasionally he would bring back the old hands, but merely to add experience.

On the other hand, he has persevered with schemer Delikaris (Panathinaikos) who is suspended for League championship matches till March, but is still regarded as the "brains" of the national side. Most impressive too were the strikers Thomas Mavros who scored four goals in Finland and Mike Galakos (once with Fortuna Dusseldorf) who hit two against Hungary.

Olympiakos were the biggest sponsors, having engaged seven new players: Perone (ex Nacional Montevideo), An-

toniadis, Kaltzas (Panseirakis), (AEK), Papadopoulos (Ethnikos), Rohback (Ethnikos), who altogether cost \$300,000. Panathinaikos, the Argentinian Gomes Benitez, the German Wagner Yfantidis (ex-Vercia) who alone cost \$300,000.

The oft repeated accusations that too many foreign players occupy key positions in club sides and thus prevent the grooming of home bred talent, seem rather exaggerated. In the Greek League each club is allowed to field only two foreign "mercenaries". At the moment only five clubs have no imported men on their books. All told, there are 25 players from abroad active in the First Division: nine Argentinians, six Yugoslavs, three Germans, two each from Britain, Peru and Bulgaria and one Brazilian.

Under new management are also PAOK Salonika, who engaged the German-Pole Egon Piechaczek. He was formerly assistant coach at Bayern Munich and Kaiserslautern.

Ireland, Portugal ru

European championship fixtures, results and standings:

Group 1
England, Bulgaria, Denmark, Northern Ireland, Ireland Rep

24.5.78 Denmark 3 Ireland Rep 3	
20.9.78 Ireland Rep 0 N. Ireland 0	
20.9.78 Denmark 3 England 4	
11.10.78 Denmark 2 Bulgaria 2	
25.10.78 Northern Ireland 2 Denmark 1	
25.10.78 Ireland Rep 1 England 1	
29.11.78 Bulgaria 0 N. Ireland 2	
2.7.79 England v N. Ireland	
2.7.79 Ireland Rep v Denmark	
2.7.79 Northern Ireland v Bulgaria	
23.7.79 Bulgaria v Ireland Rep	
6.6.79 Bulgaria v England	
6.6.79 Denmark v N. Ireland	
12.9.79 England v Denmark	
17.10.79 Ireland Rep v Bulgaria	
17.10.79 Northern Ireland v England	
31.10.79 Bulgaria v Denmark	
21.11.79 England v Bulgaria	
21.11.79 N. Ireland v Ireland Rep	
6.2.80 England v Ireland Rep	

N. Ireland	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	2	1	0	4	15	
Ireland	2	1	1	0	5	4	3

Group 2
Austria, Belgium, Scotland, Norway, Portugal

30.8.78 Norway 1 Austria 2	
20.9.78 Belgium 1 Norway 1	
20.9.78 Austria 3 Scotland 2	
11.10.78 Portugal 1 Belgium 1	
25.10.78 Scotland 3 Norway 2	
15.11.78 Austria 1 Portugal 2	
28.11.78 Portugal 1 Scotland 0	
7.2.79 Scotland v Belgium	
28.3.79 Belgium v Austria	
2.5.79 Austria v Belgium	
10.5.79 Norway v Portugal	
7.6.79 Norway v Scotland	
29.8.79 Austria v Norway	
12.9.79 Norway v Belgium	
17.10.79 Belgium v Portugal	
17.10.79 Scotland v Austria	
11.11.79 Portugal v Norway	
21.11.79 Belgium v Scotland	
21.11.79 Portugal v Austria	
6.2.80 Scotland v Portugal	

Portugal	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	3	2	0	1	6	4	

Group 3
Cyprus, Spain, Rumania, Yugoslavia

4.10.78 Yugoslavia 1 Spain 2	
25.10.78 Rumania 3 Yugoslavia 2	
15.11.78 Spain 1 Rumania 0	
13.12.78 Spain 3 Cyprus 0	
1.4.79 Cyprus v Yugoslavia	
4.4.79 Rumania v Spain	
13.5.79 Cyprus v Rumania	
10.10.78 Spain v Yugoslavia	
31.10.79 Yugoslavia v Rumania	
14.11.79 Yugoslavia v Cyprus	
18.11.79 Rumania v Cyprus	
9.12.79 Cyprus v Spain	

Spain	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania	3	0	0	1	8	1	
Yugoslavia	2	1	0	3	3	2	
Cyprus	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

Group 4
German DR, Iceland, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland

6.9.78 Iceland 0 Poland 2	
20.9.78 Netherlands 3 Iceland 0	
4.10.78 German DR 3 Iceland 1	
11.10.78 Switzerland 1 Netherlands 3	
15.11.78 Netherlands 3 German DR 0	
15.11.78 Poland 2 Switzerland 0	
28.3.79 Netherlands v Switzerland	
18.4.79 German DR v Poland	
2.5.79 Poland v Netherlands	
5.5.79 Switzerland v German DR	
22.5.79 Switzerland v Iceland	
9.6.79 Iceland v Switzerland	
5.9.78 Iceland v Netherlands	
12.9.79 Iceland v German DR	
12.9.79 Switzerland v Poland	
26.9.79 Poland v German DR	
10.10.78 Poland v Iceland	
13.10.79 German DR v Switzerland	
17.10.79 Netherlands v Poland	
21.11.79 German DR v Netherlands	

Holland	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	2	2	0	0	4	4	
German	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Iceland	3	0	0	3	1	8	0
Switzerland	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

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CUP MIS LEY



Kevin Keegan (left), then with Liverpool, heads a goal against Bertie Vofts of Moenchengladbach in a UEFA Cup game.

Kevin Keegan has made an interesting comparison between West German and English football, saying:

"The Germans do not cross long balls to the far post, as the English tend to do. They play a lot more one-two's and angled passes, especially to front players, and try to reach

Long crosses out

the foot farther away from the marker.

"In addition, the Germans are more prepared to surrender mid-field and allow opponents to run with the ball at

them. The game over there is, in a lot of ways, the same as English football, but it is easy in one respect to get used to the German system, because all the teams play the same way, especially in the use of a

sweeper. As a result of this, it is much more difficult for them to play the off-side game.

"As there are less league games and also less cup games in Germany than there are in England, the coaches tend to concentrate more on ball skills than on stamina. They also make us work longer at finishing practices."

Scores show England on the way back

The Soviet Union and England had the highest success rates in Europe in

1978, yet neither of them reached the World Cup finals.

England's success rate of 77.7% from nine matches was higher than the 60.7% success rate achieved by Italy from 14 matches, yet it was Italy that eliminated England in the World Cup qualifying series.

A table drawn up from international results has been compiled by Eric Batty in the February edition of the leading English magazine "World Soccer".

Argentina, as would be expected, heads the table with a

success rate of 86.6% from 15 games.

Greece has the high ranking of 14th — just behind the two Germanies — but two of its listed victories were against Australia. Take these away and Greece's record reads: 3-2-3 with 8-8 goals.

The table does not include Asian countries east of Iran by this we mean also Australia and New Zealand.

It's a shame that someone doesn't compile an Asian table of this kind. Perhaps "Soccer Action" will do so at the end of 1979.

Eric Batty's table is:

	Pld	W	D	L	Goals	% success
ARGENTINA	15	11	2	2	31:10	86.6
Russia	11	9	0	2	30:9	81.8
England	9	6	2	1	17:5	77.7
Brazil	12	7	4	1	17:5	75.0
Wales	8	4	1	1	12:4	75.0
Poland	14	10	3	1	23:10	75.0
France	11	7	2	2	20:11	72.7
Holland	14	9	2	3	32:15	71.4
Portugal	5	3	1	1	5:4	70.0
Spain	12	7	2	3	17:6	66.6
Italy	14	7	3	4	15:10	60.7
West Germany	13	5	5	3	21:14	57.7
East Germany	7	3	2	2	10:9	57.1
Greece	11	5	1	5	21:19	50.0
Austria	13	6	1	6	15:17	50.0
Romania	8	3	2	3	8:9	50.0
Belgium	5	1	2	1	3:3	50.0
Uganda	4	1	2	1	2:3	50.0
Scotland	10	3	3	4	14:10	45.0
Denmark	8	2	3	3	15:15	43.7
Eire	7	1	4	2	9:12	42.8
N. Ireland	2	1	1	0	5:4	41.6
Yugoslavia	5	1	2	2	7:6	40.0
Czechoslovakia	10	3	2	5	12:12	40.0
Finland	9	2	3	4	9:11	38.8
Sweden	11	3	2	6	11:21	36.3
China	7	2	1	4	9:22	35.7
Mexico	3	0	0	3	12:20	33.3
Hungary	10	2	3	5	12:21	30.0
Bulgaria	13	1	5	7	11:21	28.9
Turkmen	8	1	2	5	5:12	25.0
Hawaii	7	0	3	4	5:12	21.4
Switzerland	5	1	0	4	4:9	20.0
Iceland	5	0	2	3	1:5	20.0
Iran	7	2	5	0	3:12	14.2
Turkey	8	0	1	7	4:12	8.3

NB. Ruled out because they did not play a minimum of four matches: Israel (2); Luxembourg (2); Malta (2); Cyprus (2); and Paraguay, Chile, Colombia and Bolivia (0).

Mario Kempes not eligible

Kevin Keegan of Hamburger SV was no doubt a worthy winner of the European Footballer of the Year award, but perhaps he was also a little lucky to avoid competition from Mario Kempes.

Kempes may be a Spanish citizen and he may play for Valencia, but his international status as a member of the Argentine team disqualified him.

Voting in the award was:

87 Kevin Keegan (Hamburg)

81 Hans Krankl (Barcelona)

50 Rob Rensenbrink (Anderlecht)

28 Roberto Bettoga (Juventus)

23 Paolo Rossi (Vicenza)

20 Ronnie Hellstrom (Kaiserslautern)

6 Rudi Krol (Ajax), Rene van der Kerkhof (PSV)

5 Willie van der Kerkhof (PSV), Antonio Cabrini (Juventus)

4 Zdenek Nehoda (Dukla), Graeme Souness (Liverpool), Johan Cruyff (Barcelona)

3 Marian Mucsi (Slovakia), Archie Gemmill (Notts Forest), Marius Tresor (Marseille)

1 Francois van der Elst (Anderlecht), Michel Platini (Nancy), Zbigniew Boniak (Widzew Lodz), Franco Causio (Juventus), Johan Neeskens (Barcelona), Joao Alves (Benfica), Hansi Mueller (Stuttgart), Didier Six (Lens), Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern Munich), Rainer Bonhof (Valencia)

Past winners:

1956 Stanley Matthews (Blackpool)

1957 Alfredo DiStefano (Real Madrid)

1958 Raymond Kopa (Real Madrid)

1959 Alfredo DiStefano (Real Madrid)

1960 Luis Suarez (Barcelona)

1961 Omar Sivori (Juventus)

1962 Josef Masopust (Dukla)

1963 Lev Yashin (Moscow Dynamo)

1964 Denis Law (Manchester United)

1965 Eusebio (Benfica)

1966 Bobby Charlton (Manchester United)

1967 Florian Albert (Ferencváros)

1968 George Best (Manchester United)

1969 Gianni Rivera (AC Milan)

1970 Gerd Mueller (Bayern Munich)

1971 Johan Cruyff (Ajax)

1972 Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern Munich)

1973 Johan Cruyff (Barcelona)

1974 Johan Cruyff (Barcelona)

1975 Oleg Blokhin (Dynamo Kiev)

1976 Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern Munich)

1977 Allan Simonsen (Moenchengladbach)

the president of FIFA, ion president Harry ia in 1963. Between ter and at right FIFA Barrassi.

The bright of Greece

anathinaikos also parted ipany with their manager, former Polish national ch Kazimierz Gorski. He crisis began last season th Gorski clashed with the rnationalis Domazos and oniadis who both refused train with the rest of the n, were suspended till the of term and finally sold. 58) also left because he did get the support of the club's id, who at the start of this on only voted by 12-9 for retention.

o replace Gorski, Pan-naikos recently engaged is Petropoulos, 48, the r national manager. anathinaikos has made an ach to the Austrian Ernst pel, who has done well FC Bruges in Belgium and d the Dutch national n to the World Cup final.

ut Puskas has advised the nas' against the Austrian: is used to working with fill professionals who train e a day and his ideas of disne will not suit the meny of the Greek players," ms Puskas. Whether the bks can afford Hoppel is of se quite another matter.

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15.79 USSR v Hungary	
7.79 Finland v USSR	

Group 7
Germany FR, Malta, Wales, Turkey

25.10.78 Wales 7 Malta 0
29.11.78 Wales 1 Turkey 0
25.2.79 Malta v Germany FR
14.7.79 Turkey v Germany FR
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22.12.79 Germany FR v Turkey
22.2.80 Germany FR v Malta
Dates of Malta and Turkey still provisional

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Wales.....	2	2	0	0	8	0	4
W. Germany.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey.....	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Malta.....	1	0	0	1	0	7	0

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Offside: FIFA makes it clearer

The annual meeting of the international referees' board in Buenos Aires changed the text (and only the text) of Law XI relating to offside.

The new text tries to impress on the Law its true spirit, which is none other than: to punish a player for being off-side when he is in a forward position, if this is influencing the game.

There is not, and never has been, a punishable forward position if the player in this position is not influencing the game.

This has always been the spirit of the Law but the old text did not underline this as clearly as the new one does now.

For this reason, many referees and linesmen the world over were penalising simply the forward position of a player, without taking into account at all whether the player was influencing play or not.

This incorrect application of the Law caused many teams throughout the world to use the defensive tactic of "Playing Off-side", confident that those attacking players remaining in a forward position would immediately be penalised, whether influencing the game or not.



By JOSE MARIA CODESAL
member of the FIFA, Referees' Committee,
Montevideo, Uruguay

This was unfair and, even more important, illegal.

Now paragraph 2 of the Law says very clearly: A player shall only be declared off-side and penalised for being in an off-side position if, at the moment the ball touches or is played by, one of his team, he is, in the opinion of the Referee

a) interfering with play or with an opponent, or
b) seeking to gain an advantage by being in that position.

In addition, paragraph 3 tries to be even clearer when it states: A player shall not be declared off-side by the Referee

a) merely because of his

being in an off-side position, or

b) if he receives the ball, direct, from a goal-kick, a corner-kick, a throw-in, or when it has been dropped by the Referee.

These two paragraphs are absolutely clear and faithfully express the spirit of the Law, which never tried to penalise

a player simply because he happened to be in a forward position.

Another interesting detail of the new text of the Law is also to be found in paragraph 2 where it states that for a player to be penalised for being off-side, the ball must have been touched or played by one of his team.

This enables the former exception which existed in paragraph c) of the former text to be omitted from the new text (if the ball last touched an opponent or was last played by him) as the Law now states very clearly that the last player to have played or touched the ball must have been one of his team and this

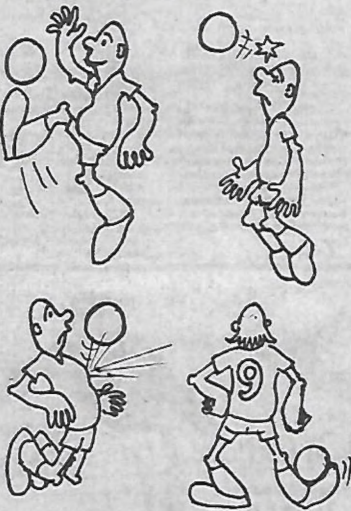
was not specified before.

In this respect, the new text is much simpler, much clearer and emphasises fundamentally that to penalise a player for off-side, the referee must first consider very specifically two things: the position together with the influence.

At the same time, the new text of Law XI has not changed in any way the application of the Law as far as the exceptions to it are concerned.

But in fact if a player in a forward position receives the ball which has last been touched or played by an opponent, the referee should refrain from penalising him.

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BY LEIF JENSEN

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Victorian Metropolitan League Five top men quit Waverley

Waverley City has lost five players after being relegated from the First Division last season.

Peter Scarlett has transferred to South Melbourne, Mike Loh to Hakoah St. Kilda, goalkeeper Reg Morton to Croydon City and Dave Cooper probably to Altona City.

Bobby Kent has left the club but has yet to find another.

But despite losing five top players, Waverley official Eric

Richardson is confident of the club's chances of success this season.

"We have several very experienced players," he said, "as well as many raw youngsters. Waverley hopes to mix the two and get good results."

"If we can avoid the crippling injury problems we had last season, Waverley will have a fair team."

Waverley's experienced brigade includes Ted Quay, Dave Sharp, Sandy Bruce, who has returned to the club

from Heidelberg, Peter Whitehurst and Eddie Smith.

Some of the youngsters who were rushed into the first team last year include goalkeeper Shawn Keogh, Enrico Marrone, Conlyn Martin, Gary Pearce, and Fab Nicola.

"The club has always given young players a fair go," said Eric. "and the experience our boys gained last season will help them tremendously in the Second Division."

New coach Bill Blackley, the former Hakoah player, feaces a hard task moulding Waverley into a promotion-chasing outfit.

On top of the five players lost to other clubs, Blackley will be without Alec Wilson, Paul Cleveland and Paul Storey, who will be touring Europe together.

"They will return for the second half of the season."

Wilson has played 97 games for the club, Storey 94 and Cleveland 40.

... and Chelsea gives 5 the chop

Third Division Chelsea has axed five regulars from last season's first team.

Coach David Johnston said the players had been put on the transfer list after unsuitable performances during the 1978 season.

The players axed include goalkeeper Eddie Garner, Ray King and Steve Taylor. "We finished sixth last season," said Johnston, "but the team was better than that position indicates. This season Chelsea will push flat out to win promotion but we can't afford to be carrying any players."

Garner in particular was a disappointment to Chelsea. The club paid Slavia \$300 for the former New Zealand State League player but Garner's form was not what the club had expected.

Towards the end of the season Garner, who played several 1978 Ampol Cup games with Slavia, was dropped to Chelsea's reserves.

King, a former Altona City and Kellior Austria player, was a regular at centre half, but Johnston wasn't pleased with his form.

Taylor ended up as Chelsea's second highest goalscorer but his training habits let him down.

Johnstone said Taylor often "trained twice one week, but not at all the next."

Chelsea has bought goalkeeper Tim Auger, a former South Melbourne

player, from Brighton to replace Garner.

Chelsea's bid for a place in Division Two will be helped by the return of several players.

Colin Martin, a good attacking midfielder, missed a large part of last season with a kidney injury but will be back in top form this year.

His loss was a major reason for Chelsea's slump after a nine-game unbeaten run.

Forward Jim Loughan returns to Chelsea after a year with Karingal. Loughan was unable to train last season due to business commitments, and played with the Provisional League team to keep in touch.

Striker, Peter Avent looks likely to return from Brighton.

Ken Wheeler, who was sidelined by an ankle injury last season, has fully recovered and will strengthen Chelsea's first team squad.

RUECROFT TO RESCUE

Dennis Ruecroft is the new coach of Fourth division Moorabbin City.

Ruecroft, who coached Moorabbin in 1977, returns to his former club as it prepares to battle its way back into the Third division.

Moorabbin was relegated last season after struggling for most of the season.

Ruecroft spent last season with Heidelberg, but Moorabbin off-

icals are hopeful he can mastermind a swift return to the higher league.

The club's chances of bouncing back weren't done any harm with the decision of ace forward Stephen Gregory to stay with the club.

Gregory was a bright light in a gloomy 1978 for Moorabbin, and his goalscoring ability will trouble many Fourth division defences.

Many people at Moorabbin believe the 23 year old striker has

the ability to play in the First Division.

John Tsaradoris looks likely to return to Moorabbin after a year in exile with Collingwood City.

Tsaradoris failed to win a regular first team place with Collingwood, but will be an asset to Moorabbin.

Moorabbin is looking towards its juniors to supply talent for future first teams. Currently half the Moorabbin team is ex-juniors.

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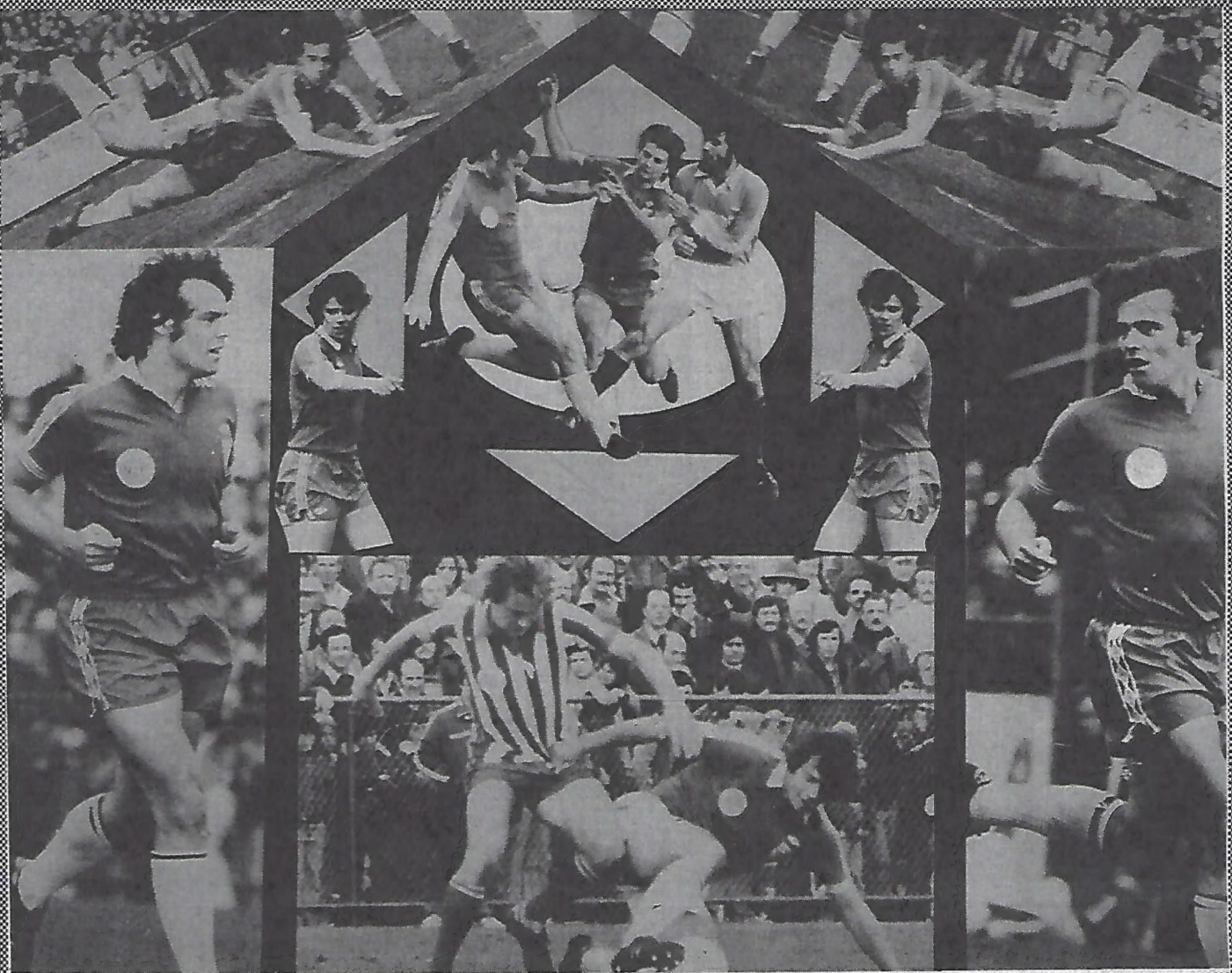
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South Melbourne star Frank Munro captured through the lenses of photographer SAM BELFONTE. Above (inset) — Munro moves into tackle Sydney City and Australian midfielder Murray Barnes. South Melbourne's George Christopolous is in close attendance. Above — Munro slides the ball away from West Adelaide forward Graeme Norris.

Wembley blues for Munro

By KYLE PATTERSON

Wembley Stadium, the world famous showpiece of English football, has been both kind and cruel to South Melbourne star Frank Munro.

The former Wolverhampton Wanderers defender has experienced victory, and saluted 100,000 chanting fans at the majestic ground, but knows the feeling of humiliation and defeat.

Munro's Wembley high spot came on March 2, 1974, when he was part of the Wolves team which conquered Manchester City 2-1 in the Football League Cup final.

As Munro basked in the glory of that moment, his head filled by the deafening roar, he would not have imagined his next Wembley visit would be so contrasting.

About 14 months later, Munro returned in the colors of Scotland, for a battle with the 'auld enemy' — England.

The rivalry between the two nations on the soccer field is intense, gaining its origins from Anglo-Saxon days.

But Munro, the rest of the Scottish players on the field, and the thousands of fans who prayed for victory, suffered a loss that day.

May 24, 1975 will be remembered as a black day for Scottish soccer. England triumphed 5-1, a massive victory in international competition.

It was a penalty goal from Scotland's Bruce Rioch which saved Scotland from a total whitewash.

The scorers for England were Gerry Francis (2), Kevin Beattie, Colin Bell and David Johnston.

Instead of a tumultuous reception from supporters, Munro and the Scottish team were greeted with silence from the shocked Scots.

It was a personal blow for Munro. Only four days earlier, in Home championship match, he had been part of a 3-0 Scottish victory over Northern Ireland at Hampden Park, Glasgow. Scotland's answer to Wembley.

The 3-0 win was Munro's only appearance in a successful full Scottish team.

In nine full internationals, he was on the losing side five times. Three were drawn games.

He made four appearances in the Scotland under 23 team also.

Munro was born in Arbroath, Scotland. His first club was Dundee Utd.

After 50 games and 14 goals with Utd, Munro was sought by Aberdeen.

He joined Aberdeen, but after only 42 games, during which he scored eight goals, Wolves made a bid for him.

The English First Division club made a good buy, and Munro went on to make over 250 appearances for Wolves.

Munro burst onto the international scene in 1970 when he was selected for Scotland's under 23s against Finland.

He played for Scotland at that level against Wales (twice).

and England, before his call into the full international limelight. He represented Scotland against Northern Ireland on May 18, 1971.

The game was played at Hampden Park, Glasgow, but Scotland went down 0-1 by virtue of an own goal.

Munro made his debut as a substitute, replacing Arsenal captain Frank McLintock in the second half.

His next appearance, which was also as a substitute, came four days later.

Scotland played England at Wembley on May 22, 1971, but lost 1-3.

Munro replaced Hugh Curran a Wolves team-mate, in the second half.

Curran scored Scotland's goal while Spurs players Martin Chivers (2) and Martin Peters did the damage for England.

After two defeats inside a week, Munro was probably hoping that a change of scenery would bring a change in luck.

But on June 9, 1971, Scotland crashed 0-1 to Denmark in Copenhagen.

Munro, however, had the satisfaction of playing his first full game for his country, although in the uncouth position right back.

Defeats came in a double dose again for Munro. Five days after the Denmark game, the Scots went down 0-1 to Russia in Moscow.

Four defeats in four appearances saw Munro disappear from the Scottish team for nearly four years.

He earned a recall in April, 1975. Playing in a Scottish team which included Graeme Souness, the former West Adelaide guest player and brother of Australian under 23 player of the year Ian Souness, Munro avoided a fifth consecutive defeat.

Scotland drew 1-1 with Sweden in Gothenberg.

Then came the 1975 British Home championships, which ended in disaster for Munro.

In the first game of the series, Scotland drew 2-2 with Wales in Cardiff.

Three days later came the 3-0 victory over Northern Ireland at Hampden, with goals from Derek Parlane, Kenny Dalglish and Ted MacDougall.

But the forgettable England encounter was just around the corner.

Munro played only one more game for Scotland, against Romania in Bucharest.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Industrial League Club A. R. Split won its second successive Monash seven-a-side tournament on the Australia Day weekend.

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A.R. Split top again

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Thirty six teams competed in the competition with Melbourne University, Ringwood City, West Melbourne, Split, Richmond and Springvale qualifying for the second round play-offs.

Ringwood won through to the final with a 3-0 win over Melbourne Uni., and a 2-0 win over West Melbourne in group 'A'.

In group 'B', Split defeated Springvale 2-0, and Richmond 2-0.

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

SPAIN 5 (Asensio 9th, Del Bosque 10th, Santillana 52nd & 77th, Ruben Cano 55th) CYPRUS 0.

Spain: Miguel Angel - Morcelino, Alesanco, Migueli, Cundi - Villar (Leal 46th), Del Bosque, Asensi-Heredia (Ruben Cano 46th), Santillana, Argote. Cyprus: G. Panziaras-N. Panziaras, Kizas, Stefanos, Kalothoristos, Savva, Papadopoulos, Economou-Kanaris, Phoebeus.

GREECE 2 (Koudas 43rd, Nikoloudis 70th.) ROMANIA 1 (Romila 84th).

Greece: Constantinou-Ziakos,

Iossifidis, Firos, Kapsis-Nikoloudis, Delikaris, Koudas (Xanthopoulos 56th) - Yfandidis, Galakos, Arizoglou (Mitropoulos 78th).

Romania: Koman-Zapfir (Voichas 80th), B. Grigore, Stefanescu, Vigu-Romila, Boloni, Dobrin (Stan 65th) - Kamstara, F. Grigore, Iordanescu. West Germany 3 (Rummenigge 32nd, Fischer 56th, Bonhof 85th). HOLLAND 1 (La Ling 62nd).

West Germany: Burdenski, Kaltz, Zewe, Bonhof, Dietz-Cullman (Zimmermann 56th), Stielike, Alofs-Abramczik, Fischer, Rummenigge.

Holland: Schrijvers-Poortvliet, Krol (Ketgod 64th), Brandts, Hovenkamp - W. van der Kerkhof, Neeskens, Jansen - La Ling, Rep. Koster (Vermeulen 56th).

ITALY 1 (Rossi) SPAIN 0. Italy: Zoff (Conti 48th) - Gentile, Bellugi (Cucureddu 66th), Scirea, Cabrinì-Ortali, Benetti, Tardelli - Causio, Rossi, Graziani (Giordano 26th).

Spain: Urruti-Botubot, Marcelino (Gordillo 50th), Alesanco, Cundi-Leal, Sanchez (Zamora 48th), San Jose, Solsona-Saturtegui, Argote (Alonso 46th).

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Zoran Djuricic

TOONGABBIE 1 AVALA 1

At Marconi Oval
Crowd: 2457 (double headed)

Referee: Davies 8.
AVALA: Mikolajczyk 7 (Anthony 85th min.), Ron Griffiths 6, Dellar 6, Barton 6, Gray 6, Kasumovic 6, Duricic 7, Rnjak 6, Alan Griffiths 6, Jancsek 6, Kodor 7.

TOONGABBIE: James 6, Finch 6, Pointer 6, Parkhouse 4, Taylor 6, Hornmazel 8, Pena 5 (Pearson 81st min.), de Valle 7, Izatt 7, Cuk 5 (Muscat 72nd min.), Pollard 5.

The one-all tie has virtually eliminated both teams' hopes of qualifying for the next stage of the Ampol Cup, and on this display deservedly so.

The individuals who did stand out were few and far between, but the most prominent among them was, surprisingly enough, Ricky Hornmazel.

Surprising, because his team — Toongabbie — was the poorer of the two adversaries in almost every department.

This South American mid-fielder has the flashes of genius, unpredictability and impeccable control in dead ball situations which put him head and shoulders above the rest of his team mates.

Avala paraded some useful players, such as former St George man Zoran Djuricic and left winger Branko Kodor, both possessing the deft touches that mark Yugoslav soccer.

Much was expected by Avala fans of Milan Rnjak, but his only mark on the game — albeit a vitally important one — was the scorching shot into the roof of the Toongabbie net almost on the final whistle, which salvaged a point for his side.

It evened the scores, following a goal four minutes earlier, when de Valle deftly flicked a Jim Izatt cross past Avala's goalies with the back of his head.

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ST. GEORGE 5 GRANVILLE 1

Ground: Barton Park
Weather: Fine
Crowd: 3500 (Double headed)

Referee: Gerry King 8.
Goals: 1-0 Phil O'Connor (34'), 2-0 D. Duarte (36'), Cotten (41'), 3-1 McGrath (63'), John O'Shea (74'), P. O'Connor (80').

ST. GEORGE: Coe 7, Harris 6, Utjesenovic 7, Michael O'Shea 7, Grosse 9, Robert O'Shea 7, D. Duarte 7, John O'Shea 8, R. Cotton 7, N. Morgan 5 (M. Barton 6), P. O'Connor 9.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 7, Baron 6, Bigland 7, O'Maya 6, Lackey 6, Forwood 7, McGrath 7, Slater 6, Gauci 5, Fraser 8, Waldon 5 (Moorcroft 6).

Two goals in the space of three minutes sealed the fate of Granville at Barton Park.

Far superior for most of the first half, St. George had to wait until the 34th minute before going into the lead. It was an opportunist goal by Phil O'Connor the crafty St. George winger. He picked up a great through ball by John O'Shea, raced past the Granville defence before rounding the goalkeeper Barry Hoare to slot the ball into the empty net.

Only two minutes later, St. George's new signing Dennis Duarte broke through to score following a good cross by O'Connor, and the writing was on the wall for Granville.

With four minutes before half time, Ray Cotten, another new signing (ex-Aldershot, English fourth division), scored from a cross by George Harris to make it two out of two for the newcomers.

Granville came back with a goal by McGrath in the 65th minute, but were soon to be on the receiving end of some punishing attacks by St. George.

With 16 minutes before the end, John O'Shea (one of three O'Shea brothers in the St. George team) scored the best goal of the game. Thirty metres away from goal and a wall of defenders standing between him and Hoare, the young Socceroot sent a rocket like drive that left the goalkeeper with no chance.

It looked so easy for St. George, yet a few players deserve special attention for their efforts. Cotten proved a very skilful player who will undoubtedly cause defences in the Phillips League a lot of problems.

Duarte "walked in" on St. George from an amateur Portuguese Club in Sydney and St. George president Alex Pongrass was delighted with the young player's efforts. His performance against Granville was sound, and he topped it off with a great goal.

John O'Shea, maturing so quickly, showed a good crowd of 3500 why Rudi Gusevich has him earmarked for future mid-field duties for Australia. His passing was immaculate, his anticipation in defence sound, and his shooting. Wow, that goal.

The last but not least, O'Connor.

Certainly the best player on the field. Two goals scored and one set up is only part of a great job, that this man is turning on for his club. His enthusiasm and drive to beat a player, to score a goal are hard to find and he will certainly be the man to beat for that green and gold jersey with No. 11 on it.

— ALEX VESIC

CROATIA 3 MANLY 1

Ground: Barton Park
Weather: Fine
Crowd: 3500
Referee: G. Power 7

Goals: 0-1 Banks (11'), 1-1 (Sullivan) (42'), 2-1 Abonyi (65'), 3-1 Moutter, o.g. (88').

CROATIA: Watson 7, A. Kovacic 7, Cagelj 8, Basic 7, Smith 8, Mullen 7, Sullivan 7, Savor 7, Abonyi 7, M. Kovacic 7, Cotes 5 (Dudic 67'-6).

MANLY: Cassettari 8, Moutter 6, Doyle 7, Dick 6, Harper 6, Geoghean 6, Rozendahl 5, West 6 (Chapman 54'-6), Banks 7, Jack 8, Stuart 6.

Despite the loss of three key players from the last season's team, Croatia managed to overpower Manly before a good crowd at Barton Park.

But the loss of Coleman, Stone and Bobby Russell was apparent.

Croatia laboured through the first half against an enthusiastic Manly, to finish on level pegging after the first 45 minutes.

Manly opened the scoring after a defensive blunder by Greg Smith in the 11th minute. Attempting to push the ball back to his keeper, Watson, Smith erred giving Stuart the first real chance of the game.

Manly's winger raced in but could not beat Watson, as the keeper cut the shooting angle. The ball rebounded off Watson's body the feet of Banks some 30 metres from goal. Banks coolly lofted the ball over Smith and under the crossbar to give the Sea Eagles a 1-0 lead.

Manly seemed to have been satisfied with the one goal lead, and closed the game by leaving David Jack as the sole striker for the rest of the game.

It was a poor move, as the final scoreline suggests, but it could have been far worse had young Wayne Cotes taken the opportunities that came his way. The young lad, who played so well in Croatia's seconds last year as midfielder, could not adapt himself to the duties of a forward and muffed two great chances.

Croatia would have been served far better, had Marion Kavacic played on the right flank, and Sullivan on the left, with Abonyi as central striker. Young Cotes would have been in the spot he is so accustomed to — mid-field.

Still, Croatia managed to win, and win handsomely, for the result does not reflect on the many wasted chances that fell their way.

In the 42nd minute, Maurice Sullivan scored following a good cross by Kovacic, giving Croatia the equaliser, but they had to wait until the 65th minute before scoring that vital goal which put them on the road to victory.

Abonyi picked up a weak clearance by Geoghean and slammed it into the top left hand corner to ease the pains of the Croatia's supporters.

With only four minutes left, Moutter found himself in the way of a good cross by Kovacic and the ball bounced off his leg past Cassettari into the net.

Cassettari made two great saves — one from Abonyi, then from Savor — to earn the crowd's applause near the end.

For Croatia, Bruno Cagelj and Kovacic played well, while Abonyi's presence was always menacing for the young Manly defenders.

David Jack and much-improved Cassettari were the best for Manly — ALEX VESIC.



NSW AMPOL CUP



ST. GEORGE THE TEAM TO BEAT

By ALEX VESIC

Ampol Cup is almost past the half way stage, but it is painfully clear that National League teams have taken a strong grip on places in the quarter finals.

GROUP A: APIA and Sydney City

APIA and Sydney City shared the points at Marconi Oval in a thrilling game before a small crowd, but played some great attacking soccer at times to show that the other three teams in the group will only have to go through the motions before their ultimate elimination.

APIA has already qualified with five points to its credit, while it is hard to see how Avala or Kuringal can make any inroads against last year's runners-up in the national competition.

My tip: APIA AND SYDNEY CITY.

Results so far:
Avala — Kuringal 1:1
Sydney City — Toongabbie 3:1
APIA — Toongabbie 2:1
APIA — Kuringal 3:1
Avala — Toongabbie 1:1
APIA — Sydney City 0:0

	P	Goals	Pts
APIA	3	5:2	6
Sydney City	2	3:1	5
Avala	2	2:2	2
Kuringal	2	2:5	1
Toongabbie	3	3:6	1

GROUP B: Marconi and Sutherland

After its great win over Marconi, Sutherland seemed to be in the box seat for top spot in the group. However, after leading for almost 85 minutes against listless Bankstown, Sutherland squandered its lead in the last five minutes to share the points with Bankstown and thus allow Inter Monaro to come within striking distance of the leading teams in the group.

Marconi will have no difficulty in disposing of Arncliffe, which will assure the PSL team of its place in the quarter finals, while Sutherland must get a point against Inter and a "full bag" of goals as well as two points against Arncliffe to win the top spot in the group.

Monaro is not without a chance and if Giampaolo strikes with his customary venom gol difference may decide the issue.

My tip: MARCONI AND SUTHERLAND

	P	Goals	Pts
Marconi — Bankstown 5:0			
Arncliffe — Monaro 2:2			
Marconi — Sutherland 1:2			
Arncliffe — Bankstown 1:2			
Marconi — Monaro 1:1			
Sutherland — Bankstown 2:2			

GROUP C: Olympic and Yugal

In its two outings Olympic did not impress, yet by a stroke of luck it finds itself at the top of the group. In its first game Olympic struggled against Yugal and was lucky to get both points, scoring in the 32nd minute.

For its two points against Revesby, Olympic had to wait 75 minutes and again failed to impress.

With four points out of two, Olympic should earn enough to win the top spot in this group without much trouble. As for the rest, Yugal has a slight advantage with its ball-playing midfield, and strikers like Mihajlovic and Karanfilovski.

Results so far:
Marrickville — Revesby 2:2
Yugal — Olympic 1:2
Olympic — Revesby 1:0
Yugal — Marrickville 2:1
Auburn — Revesby 2:0
Marrickville — Auburn 1:1

	P	Goals	Pts
Olympic	2	3:1	4
Auburn	2	3:1	3
Yugal	2	3:3	2
Marrickville	3	4:6	2
Revesby	2	3:6	1

GROUP D: ST. George and Melita

The new look St. George side won three out of three and should look to an easy passage to the semis. In every game so far, St. George was so superior and despite the scoreline of 2:1 against Manly, its effort was impressive and could have earned at least five goals.

With its win against Croatia in the first round Melita should finish second despite a loss to St. George.

Results so far:
St. George — Melita 0:2
Croatia — Manly 2:1
St. George — Granville 5:1
St. George — Melita 2:0
Manly — Granville 2:1

	P	Goals	Pts
St. George	3	9:2	6
Croatia	2	3:3	2
Melita	2	2:2	2
Manly	3	4:6	2
Granville	2	2:7	0

TO BE PLAYED

SATURDAY, FEB. 10:

Marconi — Arncliffe 9.00 pm.

Marconi Oval, 7.30 pm.

Inter Monaro — Sutherland 9.00 pm.

Revesby — Yugal, Garside Park, 7.30 pm.

Sydney Olympic — Auburn, Garside Park, 9.00 pm.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11:

Kuringal — Sydney City, Garside Park, 2.15 pm.

APIA — Avala, Garside Park, 4.00 pm.

Manly — Melita, Barton Park, 2.15 pm.

Croatia — Granville, Barton Park, 4.00 pm.



John O'Shea

(left) makes it 4-1 for St George against Granville.

Other players, from left: Barton, R. O'Shea, Baron and Cotten. Picture by ALEX VESIC.

At Marconi Oval (weather fine and breezy)

Crowd: 2457
Referee: R. Loran 6
Caution: Trentor 83rd min.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 9; Kershaw 7, Trentor 8, Webber 7, Soaness 7, Stevenson 6, Watson 8, Barnes 7, Campbell 7, Smith 7 (Amore at half-time 7), Yousiph 6 (Illingworth 58th min.).
APIA: McGuire 8, Skellern 7, Ankudinoff 9, Carruthers 8, Wilson 7, Noble 7, Butler 6, Dews 7, O'Connell 7, Doyle 7 (Samuels 65th min.), Vernon 7.

Where Begin and Sadat have failed — or are at least deadlocked — Sydney City and soccer succeeded when the Jewish-sponsored club fielded a young Arab striker in its side against APIA in last week's Ampol Cup clash.

Left-winger Robert Yousiph was only one of a crop of promising youngsters in blue-and-white in the first clash between PSL sides in this year's pre-season competition.

By virtue of necessity, combined with a desire to "blood" some of the teenagers, Sydney City put on show, in addition to Yousiph, defenders Jim Webber

and Geoff Illingworth and mid-fielder Ralph Amore.

This follows the debut of 17-year-old Costa Rican defender Gerardo Gomez earlier in the week against Toongabbie.

Both sides caught the eye on both sides in the thrilling 0-0 draw between City and APIA, with strapping blond full-back Greg Ankudinoff playing a magnificent game for APIA.

Both sides were badly depleted with Sydney City missing all five of its regulars in defence.

Skipper Henry Mowbray is still recuperating from septicaemia contracted after a routine knee operation (but is expected to resume training in a week or so), goalie Clarke was out with a leg injury, O'Connor had gastric flu, Mullen a pulled leg muscle and Eddie Thomson hasn't returned from overseas as yet.

In addition winger Silva was sidelined with an ankle injury he suffered against Toongabbie, while stand-in captain Terry Smith didn't take the field for the second half against APIA after suffering a bad gash on his shin.

APIA, of course, are without their two immensely talented youngsters, Ian Rowden and Greg Woodhouse, in South America with the under-19 national side.

All this notwithstanding, the

crowd at Marconi Oval got good value for its \$3, with a fast, evenly-matched struggle between two enterprising teams.

After the final whistle the general feeling was that Sydney City was happier with its one point than APIA, but, in fact the match could have swung either way.

The woodwork was tested on both sides, with Campbell and Watson for City and Doyle and Vernon for APIA hitting the post.

In addition, APIA was most unlucky not to get a deserved penalty in the 33rd minute, when Trentor pushed Wilson off the ball right in front of the City goalmouth.

There were some excellent performances among the PSL newcomers, with Dave McGuire safe and sound in goal and Eric Carruthers a dynamo in midfield. Young schoolboy goalie Tony Pezzano was brilliant for City, pulling off a series of amazing and confident saves.

Another stand-in for the regulars, stopper Mark Trentor, let little go past him, while in attack Joe Watson showed little of the after-effects of an extended European holiday.

For an early season punt: keep your eyes on both these teams for a good showing in the PSL this year. — PETER SCOTT

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SUTHERLAND SPECIAL

NEXT WEEK

Supporters of NSW State League club Sutherland Shire will be given a special treat by "Soccer Action" next week.

We will present a special lift-out supplement on the club, past and present.

There are pictures of past teams and all the present players, as well as a run-down on Sutherland's history and plans for the future.

Don't miss it.



A worm's eye view of a flying goalkeeper — Greg Woodhouse of Apia Woodhouse, pictured during a training session, is currently in South America with the Australian under-19 team preparing for a Youth World Cup preliminary play off. The young Soccerroo is confident Australia can beat the odds and put up a good showing against host nation Paraguay, the hot favorites.

Hardes, Mason miss clash with Saints

Newcastle KB United will miss Lloyd Hardes and Graig Mason for its practice match against St George in Newcastle at 4 pm on Sunday.

Hardes will be out of action for at least two and a half months due to a recent cartilage operation and Mason will miss a week due to an injured ankle.

On Saturday week, Newcastle will go to Hobart. It will meet Caledonians on the Saturday and the Tasmanian State team on the Sunday.

On later weekends, Newcastle meets Toongabbie in Sydney and Canberra at home for the Prime Ministers Cup.

Newcastle's players will this year have dual registrations with both Newcastle and one of the Northern NSW First Division clubs.

This will enable the players who are not picked in Newcastle's senior squad on any one weekend, to play in the local competition and thus remain active.

To prevent any one First Division team from becoming disproportionately strong, the local federation has restricted each to only two KB United players.

Ian Bruce is mystery Scot

Ian Bruce is the name of the mysterious former Dundee player who is to join Sydney City (Hakoah-Eastas).

Bruce, 23, a full back, has been playing in the Scottish Highlands League.

Fitzroy's leaders

The new committee of Fitzroy Alexander, which has been playing in the Scottish Highlands League, is:

President: Jim Mangopoulos.
Vice-presidents: Evangelos Mangos, Alex Papazoglou.
Secretary: Arthur Loustas.
Treasurer and public relations: Spyros Rombotis.

Talent scout and home game co-ordinator: Arthur Kiaris.
Property Steward: Antonios Lagoulas.
Medical advisor: Dr Dimitrios Ktenas.

Marketing and advertising officer: Peter Tsakias.
Social secretary: Chris Saris.
Board of directors member: Roy Oytopoulos.

Fitzroy's forthcoming practice games:

February 11: v Preston Macedonia, Olympic Park No. 2, 5 pm.
February 18: v Footscray J.U.S.T., Schindler Reserve, Footscray, 5.30 pm.
February 25: v Marconi, Olympic Park No. 2, 5 pm.

The 1978-79 officers of the Victorian Soccer Federation are:

President: John Borg.
Vice President: John Dimitsas.
Chairman: John Dimitsas.
Deputy Chairman: John Dimitsas.
Chairman of the Metropolitan League: Peter Collins.
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South Australian Ampol Cup

with MENO TOUTSIDIS

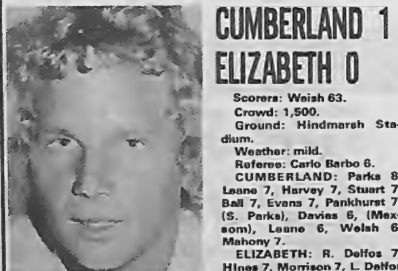
Standings:

	GROUP A									
	W	D	E	F	A	Pts				
Azzurri.....	2	0	0	2	0	4				
Victoria.....	1	0	1	2	2	2				
Adel. City.....	1	0	1	2	2	2				
Polonia.....	0	0	2	0	2	0				

	GROUP B									
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
Croatia.....	1	1	0	3	1	3				
Cumberland.....	1	1	0	2	1	3				
West Adel.....	1	0	1	2	3	2				
Elizabeth.....	0	0	2	1	3	0				

Monday's games (too late for publication): Polonia v Victoria, Adelaide City v Azzurri

Friday's games: Croatia v Elizabeth, West Adelaide v Cumberland.



Martyn Crook

CROATIA 2 W. ADEL. 0

Scorers: Thomson 43, Hayes 70.
Crowd: 1,500
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Weather: mild.
Cautions: Toti, Thomson, Hayes (Croatia), McCulloch (West).
Sent off: Jordan (Croatia), Tymczyszyn (West).
Referee: Donald Campbell 8.

CROATIA: Przybylski 7, Holland 7, Kotar 7, Toti 7, Williams 7, Bendali 7 (Rogic), Pope 8, Thomson 8, Jordan 7, Hayes 8, Harrow 8.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8, Atalasi 7, Pantazas 6, McCulloch 6, Tymczyszyn 7, Dooley 5, Koulianos 7, (Totakis 6), Dedes 7, Lorenzoni 7 (Banchlori), McGregor 6, Boyle 7.

Croatia have one hand on the Ampol Cup.

Unless Adelaide City and West Adelaide field their virtual PSL teams, Croatia will win the Cup.

Their performance against West was superb and new coach Dave Jenkins has transformed them into a methodical, destructive unit.

Only West keeper Martyn Crook saved West from humiliation and the blonde 21-year-old clearly showed again that he is not Australia's best keeper, he is very close to it.

West fielded three PSL regulars Crook, Ian McGregor and Peter Boyle and had a handful of other players with PSL experience.

West now look extremely unlikely to qualify for the finals unless they can beat Cumberland in their last match.

Apart from the opening few minutes when West were full of running, Croatia dominated and should have been a goal ahead in the 15th minute but Charlie Harrow's ground shot flashed past the far post.

Harrow had another chance to score in the 27th minute but Crook saved brilliantly.

Croatia went in at half time without a goal but they didn't have long to wait after half time.

Just three minutes into the second half Jamie Thomson stroked the ball home after a defensive blunder and that was the end of West.

West had replaced George Koulianos with Peter Totakis in a strange move.

Totakis, whom West officials say has a great future, proved a severe handicap for West and did little to back up their claims.

There was a minor sensation in the 44th minute when rugged Croatia striker Tony Jordan and West defender Peter Tymczyszyn were sent off after clashing.

West had their first real shot for goal in the 50th minute when Boyle fired a powerful shot straight at Croatia keeper Jack Przybylski.

Terry Hayes put the match well beyond doubt when he scored a thoroughly deserving goal in the 70th minute when he brushed away a defender and smashed the ball into the roof of the net from 15 metres giving Crook a chance.

CUMBERLAND 1 ELIZABETH 0

Scorers: Welsh 63.
Crowd: 1,500
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Weather: mild.
Referee: Carlo Barbo 6.
CUMBERLAND: Parks 8, Leane 7, Harvey 7, Stuart 7, Ball 7, Evans 7, Pankhurst 7, (S. Parks), Davies 6, (Maxsom), Leane 6, Welsh 6, Mahony 7.
ELIZABETH: R. Delfos 7, Hines 7, Morrison 7, L. Delfos 7, Mitchell 7, Henderson 8, Ward 6 (Hill), Boyd 7, McGregor 7, Hughes 7, Dobbins 6 (Acton).

Cumberland edged closer to a semi finals spot with a streaky 1-0 win over a vastly improved Elizabeth City.

Elizabeth, which cannot make the finals after two successive defeats, played enterprising soccer for much of the game, but their forwards failed to turn their superiority into goals.

Cumberland gave another performance so typical of them and relied heavily on sheer strength.

Elizabeth coach Brian Dooley made several changes from last week's 2-1 defeat to West and they had the desired effect.

Diminutive midfielder Bobby Henderson continued his form from last week and gave Cumberland plenty of problems.

He came close to scoring in the 27th minute with a long range shot and four minutes later set up Keith Hughes, who should have scored.

Henderson slipped a great ball to him just outside the area, but instead of controlling it, he decided to burst through a pack of defenders and was robbed of the ball.

Henderson looked all set to score in the 42nd minute but he kicked wide from close range.

Cumberland substitute Stevie Parks did the same for his side 10 minutes later and both sides seemed to have lost the knack of scoring.

Elizabeth defender Louis Delfos came upfield to blast a long range shot over the bar in the 60th minute, but three minutes later, Cumberland struck the fatal blow.

Big David Leane headed powerfully against the underside of the bar and the ball broke to Brian Walsh, who slipped it past Delfos for the winner.

Just a minute later, Elizabeth retaliated with the best move of the match.

Henderson capped off the brilliant five man movement which swept the ball from Elizabeth's backlines without a Cumberland player touching the ball, but his finishing power let him down again.



David Leane

AZZURRI 1 VICTORIA 0

Goal: Innace 49.
Crowd: 1,500.
Ground: Good.
Weather: Mild.
Cautions: Fyfe (Victoria).
Referee: Ken Stokes 7.

Ratings:
VICTORIA: Green (Gale 6), Higgins 7 (Notlie), Waxman 7, Fyfe 7, Schoenfeldt 7, McKie 6 (Gill), Campbell 7, Boyle 6, McNally 6, Tufts 7, Brown 6.
AZZURRI: Manacowski 8, Michelson 7, Moschia 7, Marusic 7, Affede 7, Alder 7, Serafini (Innace 7), Lesan 7, Smythe 6, Manolev 7, Russo 6 (Soderini).

Azzurri virtually assured itself an Ampol Cup final berth with a tough 1-0 win over unbeaten Victoria at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The win put Azzurri at the top of Group B after two games, with Victoria and Adelaide City sharing equal-second position on two points. Polonia, the Cup holder, is last without any points.

The match began sensationally when Azzurri striker Joe Serafini and Victoria goalkeeper Norm Green collided on the edge of the penalty area.

Both players were carried off on stretchers and required several stitches to their wounds.

Azzurri coach Peter Jaksa replaced Serafini with energetic Paul Innace and Victoria brought on substitute goalkeeper Brian Gale.

Both moves were to have a telling effect on the game.

Azzurri, despite the goal-less first half, looked a cut above Victoria although struggled for long periods.

They got the break they fought for in the 49th minute when Innace sprinted onto a through ball, drew out Gale, who hesitated and easily pushed the ball into an open goal.

Victoria staged a bit of a revival and peppered the Azzurri goal without luck.

John Fyfe came close with a close range header in the 61st minute and moments later Azzurri retaliated with Chris Manolev's free kick, which went wide.

Victorian captain Bobby Tufts wasted an excellent chance to equalise in the 75th minute. From 12 yards out he got in a tangle and the ball was scrambled clear.

Victoria's hopes of reaching the semi finals will depend on a big win (at least two goals) against Polonia in their next match.

Then they will have to wait until the late game of the double header and hope Azzurri beat Adelaide City.

Victoria won the cup in 1969 when they beat Hellas in a big upset.

Azzurri has never won the Cup.

ADEL. C. 1 POLONIA 0

Goal: Villani 64.
Crowd: 1,500.
Ground: Good.
Weather: Mild.
Cautions: J. Nyakohus (City), Larecki (Polonia).
Referee: Jim Johnston 7.

ADELAIDE City: Marshall 7, Nyakohus 7, Fragomeli 6 (Paturu), Basir 8, Miller 8, Villani 7, Signore 7, Mehta 7, Nyakohus 7, Russo 6 (Marconi), Isello 7.
POLONIA: Jacques 7, Di Bartolo 8, Mysczen 6, Kuczmarski 7, Kolecki 7, Larecki 7, Radford 7, (Veroukida), Kaye 7, Kritikos 6 (Chadwick), H. Kolecki 7, Cadenaro 7.

Adelaide City, reinforced by four PSL players, edged out Polonia 1-0 in a thrilling last match.

City were lucky to collect both points as Polonia hit the bar twice during a hectic second half, and had a shot cleared off the line.

But City learned a lesson from their first match in which they squandered several chances.

The PSL team began confidently and John Nyakohus saw his header turned brilliantly around the post by Polonia's Howie Jacques.

Nyakohus along with brother Buggy lifted City considerably and along with John Basir and Sergio Mehta, who both played in the opening Ampol Cup match, looked in good form.

But City began to fade late in the first half and for the first time Polonia looked as if they could cause an upset.

Polonia grabbed the initiative in the second half and their long haired, young striker John Kaye slammed the ball against the bar from 15 metres.

Polonia had the crowd on their feet when Henry Kolecki blasted a lethal shot against the bar and Tony Radford's rebound shot was cleared off the line.

Isello and Luci Signore both came close for Adelaide City but the match began to take on that scoreless look.

However after 84 minutes Charlie Villani picked up a ball 12 metres from goal and slotted the ball into the far corner through a ruck of players.

Their lead was almost short lived because less than a minute later, Radford fired a 25 metre pilderiver that Peter Marshall pushed for a corner.

Polonia offered minor resistance after that, and City had few problems in preserving their lead.

With the finals approaching, it seems certain they more PSL players will be added to the team.

Martin Peters to play here

From page one

Frankston has plans for junior coaching clinics and several schemes to attract more locals into the club.

"There are a lot of British migrants in the Frankston area," said Linas. "Most would remember Peters as one of the greatest names in English soccer."

"If we can get a big crowd to watch our home games featuring Peters, the club has a great chance of keeping those people interested, and so increase membership."

Lines summed up the general feeling at Frankston when he said: "If we can't draw a decent crowd with Martin Peters playing, we never will."

Obviously, the club is hoping Peters' visit will be the 'big break' which will breathe life into the Frankston Peninsula as a soccer centre.

Frankston City deserves to succeed with its enterprising move.

Peters, a midfielder/forward, has been at the top of British soccer for the past 14 years and is well-known by Australian fans.

He began his career in professional soccer at West Ham, and in 1966 gained his first full England cap against Yugoslavia.

West Ham achieved one of its rare honors in British football in 1964 when it defeated Preston 3-2 in the F. A. Cup final.

The F. A. Cup victory led to West Hams' entry into European soccer.

West Ham conquered Europe's best to win the 1964-65 European Cup Winners' Cup.

Peters was rapidly developing into a world class player when in 1966 gained his first full England cap against Yugoslavia.

West Ham was runner-up in the 1966 Football League Cup but Peters was far more concerned with his international career.

Peters played only three full international matches for England (v Yugoslavia, Finland and Poland). Peters was included in Alf Ramsey's World Cup squad.

Peters didn't play in England's opening World Cup game, a 0-0 draw with Uruguay at Wembley Stadium, but was included in the remaining games.

Peters also played in the 1970 World Cup finals. Peters played with West Ham another four seasons before transferring to rival London club Spurs.

The date of the transfer — March 21, 1970 — will go down in history. Peters became the first



Martin Peters

British player to transfer for 200,000 pounds sterling.

Peters' first honor with Spurs came in 1972 when the club took off the U.E.F.A. Cup, defeating Wolves, also of England, 3-2 in the twogleged final.

Spurs reached the final of the U.E.F.A. Cup in 1973, but was defeated 2-4 by Feyenoord of Holland.

On the domestic scene, Spurs was always a top club, and won two Football League Cups between 1970 and 1973.

In the 1970-71 final, Martin Chivers, who would have joined Frankston City if Peters couldn't have made the trip, scored Spurs' goal in a 1-0 victory over Aston Villa.

Ralph Coates, who played for St George in the Philips League last season, scored Spurs' goal in a 1-0 win over Norwich City in the 1972-73 League Cup final.

After 189 games and 46 goals with Spurs, Peters joined Norwich City for around 60,000 pounds sterling a couple of seasons ago.

Peters, who played 302 games with West Ham, scoring 79 goals, played as well as ever for Norwich, and retirement must be well in the back of his mind.

He has played around 90 games with the 'Canaries', scoring 24 goals.

His full career details are 581 games and 49 goals at club level, and 67 games and 21 goals at full international level.

Peters has been nick-named the 'Ghost' by soccer followers because of the way he seems to ghost into the right spot at the right time to score goals.

More superstars on way?

Frankston's coup in signing Martin Peters should finally make it clear to all Victorian clubs that there is nothing to stop them from bringing players from overseas on short-term contracts.

There is no VSF restriction on how long the period of a player's contract should be.

He can sign for a day, a week or a year.

However, the player must get a clearance from his previous club for the period of the contract.

This is something a bit worked out between the clubs concerned, but it should not pose a major problem, as it is done all the time in the case of American clubs signing "guest" players from Europe, particularly England.

LAURIE SCHWAB.

Congratulations!

THE usual series of presentations took place during the holiday break. These pictures record some of them:



The trophy winners of Essendon Croatia, the 1978 Victorian State League champion, standing from left: Silvano Fratin, Tommy Cumming, president Joe Sigur, Ned Cotic, Yanka Banovic. Front: Ned Batonic, Ivica Istak, Vinko Pavlovic.



Essendon Croatia captain Alan Kerr (left) accepts the 1978 Victorian State League Cup from Keith Stackpole of Rothmans, which sponsored the series.



Peter Cawley (right), president of Victorian club Prahran City, announces that George Willis, 82, has been granted a life membership of the club. George is claiming a world record, having played his last game for Prahran in 1957 when he was 61.



John Yzendoorn (right) of Slavia is congratulated by "Soccer Action" editor Laurie Schwab on winning the "Soccer Action" — Riversdale Travel Player of the Year award.



George Geoffry (centre), president of Victorian First Division club Melbourne, with Paul Drinoczky (left), winner of the Jozsef Bozsk Cup for the best clubman, donated by Joe Szalay, and Billy Rae (right), first team best and fairest.

ZIKA NIKOLIC



Nogomet, nije lepa i privlačna igra samo zbog načina na koji se izvodi, nego još više zbog estetskih iznenađenja koja donosi svako takmičenje. Retko ko je Retko ko je očekivao da će na otvaranju Ampol Kupa u Melbourne prve žrtve biti favoriti, Makedonija i Croatia. Ali, lopta je okrugla. Može se navesti citat iz opravdanja. Ko je padaju u vodu pred cinjenicama. Frank Midic je potvrdio pravilo da dobar igrač može biti još bolji trener, ako ozbiljno shvati svoju dužnost. Dakle, on je prvi i najveći razlog Prestavnog neuspjaha.

Jos veća iznenađenja doživljavaju nogometaši najviši u Adelaide, gde klubovi Philips Nationalne Lige igraju drugorazrednu ulogu. Mnogi će reći da su Adelaide City i West Adelaide podcenili svoje protivnike, ali izgleda da nije tako. Standard igre u Nacionalnoj Ligi nije dostigao željenu visinu, jer se upravljavao snagom i nagometašima.

JUST-ove navjage još dži svecano raspoloženje, jer iz utakmice u utakmici, novi igrači igraju sve bolje, ali i stari. Trener Ceda Cirkovic se trudi da formira standardni tim, što nije lako. Prole subote, na prijateljski utakmicu protiv Morelanda, bacio je u vatru dve potpuno različite navale. Prva je igrala lepo za oko, ali komplikovano i nervozno pred golom. Zbog toga su imale skoro 45 minuta pred protivnikom golom postignut je samo jedan zgoditak. Ševlac je bio Dragan Vasic. Navale je gledala oboje: Vasic, Todorovic, Carpenter, Rujevic, Nicolaidis.

sto je za nepunih pola sata ova navala postigla devet golova.

JUST je trezno već dve godine udarnu snagu da krunise svoju dopadljivu igru pobedama. Ove godine je na najboljem putu da ostvari svoju želju. Medjutim, ne treba se usapabati, niti pomisliti da je sadašnji tim nepobediv. Daleko od toga, jer svaka utakmica trazi specijalnu pripremu i igru, a jos vise promene i obojenje.

Za "plave" je vazno da je Zdravko Lujic, posle prijalnog jednomesečnog odmora (zbog povrede u Sidneju), ponovo pocao da igra i trenira. Prole godine je bio najbolji igrač JUST-a, pa je jako vazno da ove godine pre pocetka sezone zauzme pravo mesto, na kome ce se uigrati i pružiti sve od sebe. JUST ce nastaviti sa odigravanjem prijateljskih utakmica svake srede i subote ili nedelje. Na zalost, do trenutka kada smo poceli sa pisano ovaj izveštaj, protivnici nisu utvrdjeni, pa se morate osloniti na druga obavestajna sredstva (dnevni listovi i etnicka radio-stanica).

Drugi tim JUST-a, koji trenira od ove godine Milenko Ruzmir, takodje je stupio u akciju, gotovo bez treniranja. Pobedili su rezervu Morelanda sa 2:0 (1:0). Golove su postigli Pavle Simic i Vlatko Belic. Ruzmir ima veliki posao pred sobom, jer ovaj tim nema sistema iako ima talentovanih pojedinaca. Nekoliko igrača ispod 16 godina treba da se kale i sticu iskustvo u drugom timu JUST-a.

Nadost navijaca lindenja iz Altone bila je kratkog veka. Prole nedelje Central Altone je uspeala da se revarsira za poraz u finalu Kupa crkve "Sv. Ilija". Ovog tima Central Altone je slavila visoku pobedu od 5:0 (2:0). linden se sasvim demoralisao, tako da ga je samo sreća spasila od dvostrucnog poraza. Golove su postigli: Vasiljević 2, Capkinovski, Derzovski i autogol Jovanovskog. Ni posle ovog poraza lindenja nisu svi računali svedeni. Treći susret, na koji nememo dugo cekati, odviciće ko je bolji.

Metropolitan League round up

TOP STRIKERS TO LEAVE AUSTRIA?

Keilor Austria's plans for a quick return to the First division have received a set back.

Six-a-side

Feb. 18

The Eltham Summer Cup, a six-a-side tournament organised by the Eltham soccer club, is expected to draw some big clubs.

Sixteen top teams will vie for \$300 prizemoney on February 18.

The venue is Susan St. Reserve, Eltham.

A trophy will be presented to the winners and runners-up. The victors and second-placed teams will have the cup for a year, before it is re-contested.

But they will receive a smaller replica to keep. Players in the first and second-placed teams will be presented with medals.

Eltham's new coach is David Laycock. He is a former top Amateur in English leagues, and played in the New Zealand National League.

Last season he coached Forest Rangers of the Ballarat League.

Eltham is confident Laycock can lift the club back into the Second Division after last season's relegation.

Eltham's annual pre-season barbecue will be at Bill Penna's home.

For information regarding the event, contact Gordon Kirkwood (459 1584 night, 347 1544 day), Alan Rudgely (497 3207 night) or George McIntosh (438 1104 day, 438 1253 night).

Top strikers Nick Kuzmanov, who transferred from Essendon Croatia for \$3000 last season, and skilful South American Nestor Meneses have asked for transfer.

Kuzmanov applied for permission to train with Preston, Footscray J.U.S.T. and Green Gully.

Meneses has been training with Fawkner.

But Keilor, determined to bounce back after being relegated to the Second division last season, will go ahead with plans to bring six top players to the club.

Austria's first step was to appoint qualified German coach Hans Faige as team boss.

Faige played in the West German Bundesliga with Bielefeld, and has done extensive coaching with juniors in his homeland.

His assistant is Gunter Gerick, the former Keilor City defender.

It has been rumoured John Webb, the George Cross and former Austria defender, may be interested in returning to his old club.

Webb coached Austria last season after the sacking of Milenko Ruzmir.

Vella leads Werribee

Charlie Vella, for 10 years a top goalscorer with Green Gully, is the new coach of Werribee.

HOBSON'S MAGIC

Doncaster Rovers, which has a chance of completing a hat trick of promotions, will kick off this season in the J.M.V. Sports Trophy competition.

The competition, to be played over four weeks, has been organised by Third division Mooroolbark Utd.

Teams entered include Doncaster, Mooroolbark, Knox City, Boronia, Tessa Town and Tarax.

Doncaster, which leap-frogged from the Fourth to the Second division in two seasons, would establish a unique record if it won promotion into the First division this season.

Very few clubs have moved from the Fourth to First divisions in consecutive seasons.

The man behind Doncaster's great run is coach Norm Hobson. He took over the club at the beginning of the 1977 season, and his presence alone has lured top players to the club.

Hobson played as a professional with Schremsbury in England, and played for Mooroolbark in Australia before having his career ended by injury.

He is former Croydon City coach.

Since his arrival at Doncaster, several players from First or Second division Metropolitan League clubs have dropped down into the lower league to join the club.

They include Ian Humble (from Waverley City), Peter Williams (from Richmond), Eddie Long, Trevor Teer and Andy Minton (Box Hill).

Hobson has retained all of last year's playing staff, and has the same assistant coaches — Graham McIntosh and Alan Alexander.

On the administration side, Doncaster has appointed Chris Mooney as secretary and Brian Burton as publicity officer. Most other executive positions are unchanged, but the club has yet to appoint a team manager.

Hugh out



Hugh Murney

Former Hakoh and Albion Rovers midfielder Hugh Murney has been reappointed coach of newly-promoted Third division club Park Rangers.

Murney will be treading tenderly in the opening weeks of the season. During the close season he had a knee cartilage operation, and was confined to bed for several weeks.

Rangers will be going flat out to do well in the Third division this season. The last time the club was in the division it was relegated.

That was in 1977, but the situation was rectified by Rangers' promotion-winning effort last season.

To avoid being tagged a yo-yo club, Rangers must at least maintain Third division status.

Rangers has appointed former player Dave Newton assistant coach to Murney.

The club will have a separate reserve coach, who is yet to be appointed.

Joe Docherty is once again team manager, with Neil Robertson publicity officer.

Park Rangers will strengthen its playing staff shortly with the signing of some experienced Metropolitan League players.

ALEXIOU STUCK

The transfer of former South Melbourne forward Jim Alexiou from Port Melbourne to Aris Salonika of Greece has taken another twist.

Port Melbourne received a letter from the Bank of Greece clearing the way for Aris to transfer the equivalent of A\$10,000 to Port's Australian bank.

But since receiving the letter, Port Melbourne has not heard from Aris or had the transfer fee deposited.

The most frustrated person is Alexiou, who has been restricted to playing in training matches with Aris for the past five months while waiting for a clearance.

Port originally demanded \$20,000 for Alexiou's transfer, but Aris, after months of negotiations with the player and the Australian club, whittled the price down to \$10,000.

Now it seems Aris has had a change of heart and will not pay Port Melbourne \$10,000. But Alexiou has continued to train with the club.

Dimitrios Svanos, reappointed as coach of Port Melbourne, must be getting close to a record for longevity.

He is in his sixth season as coach of the club, bringing Port from the District League to the Second Division.

Port has lost the services of John Laakopoulos. Who has transferred to Collingwood City.

\$383,000 BUILDING

Geelong-based Bell Park expects to officially open its new \$383,000 social club in June or July.

The social club, built with the aid of the local council, will make the club's Lynburn Road ground one of the leading sports venues in Geelong.

The ambitious Bell Park owns the 10-acre site at Lynburn Road will be converted into modern change rooms on the completion of the new social club.

The ground site is enclosed. Bell Park has re-signed most of last year's playing squad for the push towards the first division.

Joe Zula, who transferred to North Geelong (the club which attempted to buy out Mooroolbark last season) is the only player to leave the club.

Harry Mills has been reappointed first team coach, after a fairly successful debut in the position last season.

Under Mills, the "Parkies" finished fifth, but now posed a threat to promotion-chasing clubs Moreland, Melbourne and Port Melbourne.

Mills, and Englishman, coached in Bell Park's junior ranks before moving into the senior side of the club.

Mills will be looking for big efforts from winger and club captain Danny Ortiz, and midfielder Dave Mamo.

Richmond lands O'Connor

Richmond has appointed much-travelled David O'Connor as playing coach.

O'Connor has played in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra and the Goulburn Valley, as well as in England during his career.

The Richmond position is his first major coaching job.

The winger/forward played with Lions in Queensland, Pan Hellenic in New South Wales and Canberra City in the A.C.T.

Richmond is currently searching the transfer market for a top sweeper, and O'Connor may be forced to drop back into defence if the club cannot find a suitable player.

In the back four he would team up with Alex Straubinger, who was Richmond's best and fairest player last season.

Striker Rayko Curajic, Richmond's top goalscorer last season would then be left to carry the brunt of the work in the forward line.



Manfred Schaefer (left) chases the ball with West Germany's Gerd Mueller during the 1974 World Cup finals.

It's good to have an involvement with soccer once more. For the past 12 months, I've been building up my own business and as far as soccer is concerned, I was restricted to being a spectator.

Now, my business is on a sound footing and I can get back into the game — first through this column in "Soccer Action" and, hopefully, on the coaching side later in the year.

Since finishing with St. George, I have had negotiations with various clubs in regards to coaching — South Melbourne in 1977 and Avala and Ku-Ring-Gai this year.

Contrary to what was written in one soccer publication, I did not instigate these negotiations, nor did I apply for the jobs as the journal has claimed. This is not to say, however, that I am not looking for a coaching job and that I wouldn't apply for one fits the bill.

During the past year and since finishing my work with St. George BSC, I have been overwhelmed by the interest shown by the general public

in exactly what happened between the club and me that led to the break in relations.

In a later column, I will tell my side of the story. After all, the club has, unofficially, told its side many times.

Although I've been out of soccer at coaching and managerial levels, I have watched many games. Some of the things I saw didn't impress me at all — in fact, they tended to indicate that we've gone backwards. Other aspects have been more encouraging.

Over the next few weeks I will outline some of my thoughts and ideas about what is happening in Australian soccer at all levels.

Before I go any further, let me say a few things about a match I saw last Sunday — Australia v. Wisla Krakow of Poland.

The Poles won 3-1 and did it easily. They did much more on and off the ball than the Australians, who didn't really click.

At one stage the visitors made 17 passes without Australia getting a touch, which should give some indication of their superiority.

There is a lot of work to be done

with the Australian side before we have any sort of a national team that can put on a reasonable showing in the World Cup qualifying series of 1981.

Although I realise the Australian team is only at the pre-season stage, it was more tentative than it should have been and, from my way of looking at it, the wrong side was picked from the players available.

For Ken Boden (Newcastle) to come on in the second half and be so unfit that he couldn't raise a trot after 10 minutes and for Phil O'Connor, who has been in good form for St. George, to come on with only 10 minutes to go, did not seem right and certainly did not inspire confidence among the other players who were on the park.

The players who did impress me were the new Australian captain, Tony Henderson (Marconi), an excellent player, and Steve O'Connor (Sydney City) who blossomed in the second half, forming a good understanding with Henderson in defence.

The three goals scored by Wisla were gifts and Australia must learn that every goal has to be earned, not given away, even if the opponents are better than our players.

Australia's only goal, by Mark Jankovics (Marconi) was a great effort, starting with a fabulous through pass by Joe Picione (Footscray). Peter Sharn (Marconi) who beat the defence and laid it on for Jankovics to score.

Summing up the game, I'd say it is obvious this is not the squad for the future and the sooner Rudi Gutendorf gets back to start forming a proper nucleus, the better it will be for Australian football.

At this stage, our under 19 squad is in the middle of its battle with Paraguay and Israel for a place in the youth World Cup in Tokyo in July. I hope they make it because there is a lot of talent in the squad and some will have to be put into the World Cup pool.

In finishing this first column, I want to say that in future, you can expect me to speak very directly on the game, the administrators, the players, the spectators — in fact every facet of football.

Next week I will look back on my 15 years with St. George at playing and managerial levels. No punches will be pulled!



Schaefer's Shots

Crowds the trump card in Preston's PSL bid

The Mayor of Preston (Vic) Cr. John Hall, prodded the Philips League's sore spot in the forward of Preston's application for national league membership.

"Just imagine if top Philips Soccer League games were played there" (at Preston's B.T. Connor Reserve), "he said," how many more people would attend. "I was fascinated by the enthusiasm of the huge crowd during the opening game of Preston at the club's new ground at Ratford Rd."

C. Hall kicked off the opening game in front of 8,000 spectators, and although, Preston's home game average is only 3,000, the northern suburbs club knows its crowd-pulling power is the trump

card in its bid to win a place in the PSL. Although the P.S.L. has decided on a decentralisation policy, the fact is Melbourne-based Preston, has a bigger support than four clubs presently in the P.S.L.

The P.S.L. makes no secret of its concern about attendances at national league games.

The Mayor's forward impression opened Preston's application, compiled by manager Tony Vrzina.

The application, a 32-page folder, excellently covers the man-

agement set-up of the club, as well as listing a balance sheet, income and expenditure statements and details of sponsorship.

Preston outlines plans for development of its soccer complex, including the construction of a \$350,000 grandstand, promotion of soccer in local schools, public relations exercises to increase crowds and the establishment of a licensed social club.

Then comes the 'small' reminder that Preston is the best supported club in the Victorian State League, with gate receipts of \$80,000 in 1978.

Preston reveals it has more than 1,000 official club members, whose fees total over \$10,000.

A letter from Mr. L. Mackellar, project manager of construction

company Civil & Civic Pty. Ltd., says his company could build a grandstand to seat around 1,500 people within 103 months of the signing of an agreement.

Mr. John Harris, a teacher at a local school, and Mr. John Jennings, an executive officer in the northern metropolitan region of the Education Department, send thanks for Preston's involvement and contribution to local schools' soccer.

Two patrons of the club Cr. Hall and Mr. Carl Kirkwood, the Member for Preston in the Victorian Parliament — pledge their support to Preston.

Preston Council has undertaken to help the club in the development of Connor Reserve into a \$1,000,000 complex.

UMBRO SHIELD KICKS OFF

With the Ampol Cup well under way for PSL and State League clubs in NSW, the Federation has acted to provide pre-season competition for its lower divisions.

On February 11 the Umbro Shield will kick-off, with the participation of the 15 NSW First Division clubs, including what are the reserve teams of the five PSL clubs in Sydney.

This will be followed by the commencement of the Umbro Cup for Second Division teams on February 25.

First Division will be the league below the PSL and the NSW State League, but under its rules while Sydney City, Marconi, St. George, Sydney Olympic and APIA will be full participants with three grade teams each, they will not be eligible for promotion.

For the Umbro Shield the 15 teams in the First Division have been divided into four groups:

GROUP A: APIA, Blacktown, University of NSW, Queens Park, GROUP B: Sydney City, Sydney Olympic, Warringah.

GROUP C: Marconi, Nepean, North Sydney Inter, Polonia.

GROUP D: St. George, Wollongong, Belmore, Revesby Workers.

After the round-robins within each group, semi-finals will be played on March 4, with the final scheduled on March 10.

A different system will be employed by the 12 Second Division teams in the Umbro Cup, where a draw will be prepared for three rounds of play, at the end of which the top two finishers in this "mini league" will clash in the final, with the next two teams playing off for third place.

Participating clubs are West Ryde, Bathurst, Gladesville, Hornsby, Dee Why, Marrickville, Port Hacking-Qantas, Yagoona, Baulkham Hills, Lethbridge Park, Bondi, Marines, Gladesville Ravens and Guildford. — PETER SCOTT.

BIG MOVE BY V.S.F.

Something big is brewing at the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Concerned over the loss of Rothmans' sponsorship, the VSF has been working behind the scenes, trying to sign up replacement sponsors.

The appointment of what I believe to be a top public relations/promotions company is apparently the biggest step in this direction.

Secrecy surrounds the issue.

Mr. Peter Collins, chairman of the VSF publicity committee, would make no comment, apart from: "There is nothing to say until something, if anything, is finalised." — LAURIE SCHWAB

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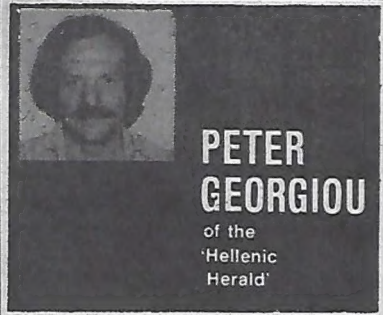
Jimmy Mackay

Former Soccerers Jimmy Mackay and Jim Armstrong have joined Shepparton United in northern Victoria.

The two ex South Melbourne Hellas stars are reputedly earning about \$100 a game.

They will travel from Melbourne to Shepparton on the morning of the game and won't have to train.

They played their first match for Shepparton in a 1-1 draw with Clifton Hill in the Greek Cup at Port Melbourne last Sunday. Former Box Hill player Dave Thieman scored for Shepparton.



PETER GEORGIU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

KI' ΑΛΛΟ ΧΑΣΤΟΥΚΙ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ P.S.L

Η άνοχη της P.S.L για την διατήρηση του όνοματός "Απία", ύστερα από την συγχώνευση των δύο ομάδων Πόδεστ και Απία, ήταν ένα ακόμη χατούκι στις ελληνικές ομάδες της μελούμενης, της Αδελαΐδας και του Σίδνεϊ που παρά τον αγώνα τους να διατηρήσουν το λεγόμενο "Εθνικό" όνομά τους, αναγκάστηκαν στο τέλος, λόγω της δικτατορικής απόφασης "ή αλλάζετε όνομα ή δεν παίζετε", να αλλάξουν ή να προσθέσουν όχι Αυστραλιανή αλλά "Αγγλική" όνομα συνοικιών :

Υστερα από τόσο θόρυβο και παρεξηγήσεις σχετικά με την αλλαγή των "Εθνικ" όνομα των P.S.L έρχεται πάλι να ρίξει λάδι στη φωτιά και να αποδείξει ότι όχι μόνον δεν υπολογίζει τις ομάδες αλλά προσπαθεί να τις κουμαντάρει με ένα σύστημα που παροτρύνει πολύ το δικτατορικό :

Όταν ανέλασαν τις ελληνικές και άλλων εθνικοποιημένων ομάδες να αλλάξουν όνομα, έπειλάντας τις με αποκλεισμό από την "Εθνική Κατηγορία", ή Χακόν, το Μάρκον και ή Βουδαπέστη διατήρησαν τα όνοματά τους ενώ οι υπόλοιποι περ τή άλλαξαν.

Όταν ο "Αλέξανδρος" ζήτησε να διατηρήσει μόνον το όνομα "Αλεξάντερ" του είπαν ότι ο ίδιος ήταν "Εθνικ" ενώ το Μάρκον και ή Χακόν δεν ήταν :

Αλλαγή ή όχι τίποτε δεν άλλαξε μεταξύ των "Ελλήνων φιλάθλων" που συνέχισαν να φωνάζουν "Αλέξανδρος" και "Ελλάς" ενώ παράλληλα, λόγω της αλλαγής των ονομάτων οι "Εγγλέζικα" φίλοι των Αυστραλών φιλάθλων αύξηθηκε κατέ...όσο :

Δεν άλλαξε όμως ούτε και ή νοοτροπία της P.S.L στο να κάνει διακρίσεις μεταξύ των ούλων λόγω άνοχης και όταν ο "Αλέξανδρος" σκέφτηκε να χρησιμοποιήσει το όνομα "Αλεξάντερ Σκόκκερ Κλάμπε" φερόντας από το σιτζούρ :

Γνωρίζοντας όμως, ο ολλόλογος, ότι θα βροντάει στο κουφού την πόρτα δεν έκανε την αίτηση για αλλαγή διότι είχε την απάντηση έτοιμη, "Μό" :

Την ίδια όμως εποχή ή Γουέστ διαλυόταν και όταν αποφασίστηκε ή συγχώνευση με την "Απία", γιά ν'ανεβεί ή δεύτερη στην "Εθνική κατηγορία", τότε φάνηκαν γιά μία ακόμη φορά οι διαθέσεις γιά διαχωρισμό και προτιμήσεις των όπευθύνων.

Ενώ όλοι περίμεναν ν'ακούσουν το νέο ..Αυστραλιανό ή Αγγλικό όνομα της νέας ομάδας, σύμφωνα με το "Βέτο" της P.S.L, ή νέα ομάδα όνομάστηκε ... "Απία" :

Στο λεζικό δεν μπορούμε να βρούμε τέτοια Αυστραλιανή (ή) λέξη αν και το βιβλιασάκι μάς έσπερχνε προς τις ... "Ιταλικές περιουσίες."

Ιταλικό όνομα ; Εθνικ ; Αδύνατον : Η P.S.L το δήλωσε μόνον "Αγγλικά όνομα που θα κάνουν τους Άγγλους ποδοσφαιριστές να αισθάνονται σαν στο σπίτι τους :

και όμως αϊ ό έχει ξεπεράσει το όριο της αοτειότητας την άρα που άλλες ομάδες έπειλούνται με έξωση από την "Εθνική κατηγορία αν διατηρήσουν τή "Εθνικ" όνοματά τους.

Γιατί λοιπόν εξαίρονται ή "Απία και το Μάρκον ; Τί κρύβεται κάτω από αυτή την άνεκτικότητα ; Για ποίους λοχούν οι "ρατοινικοί" νόμοι και ποίος εξαίρονται ;

Είναι πλέον καιρός γιά τους διοικούντες την P.S.L να δώσουν ορισμένες έξηγησεις σχετικά με τή "Εθνικ" όνομα των συλλόγων και τον κανονισμό που απαγορεύει την χρησιμοποίηση τους σαν έπαιση όνομα .

Οι κανονισμοί θα πρέπει να λοχούν γιά όλους και όχι γιά όρισμένους.

Τό κάθε σωματείο θα πρέπει να έχει τό δικαίωμα ν'αλλάξει τό όνομά του μόνον όταν αυτό τό θέλει ή νά διατηρήσει αυτό που έχει .

Όταν όμως ή διοίκηση της "Εθνικής κατηγορίας" έπιδόλει έναν κανονισμό, ό κανονισμός αυτός όσο ήλιος και αν είναι , θα πρέπει να έπιβάλλεται σε όλους :

Π. Γεωργίου



Ken Wilson Dave McIntosh Richie Bell Alan Ainslie Mike Cross

THEY'RE OUT TO CHALLENGE HELLAS

Fitzroy (oops, Heidelberg), and Sydney Olympic are making a big effort to challenge the superiority of South Melbourne Hellas and West Adelaide, the two Greek giants in the Philips League.

Olympic, under coach Joe Marston, the former Soccer captain and coach, has bought the 1978 PSL top scorer, Clive Eaton from

Western Suburbs for \$11,000 and has big Dave McIntosh in deadly form up front.

Alexander, still awaiting the return of regulars Pat Bannon, Gary Cole, Bobby Proven and Ken Taylor, has recruited Mark Karapatsos from Western Suburbs (Vic) and Jim Sahlin from Collingwood (Vic).

Although Alexander has been disappointing in recent practice matches, coach John Merga-

nide is confident of another good season for the club.

After all, in Cole, Jim Campbell and Branko Buljevic, Alexander has three of the deadliest goalscorers in the League.

The pictures on this page were taken by SAM BELFONTE during Olympic's recent 3-1 defeat of Alexander in Melbourne.



Jim O'Reilly Jim Sahinidis Branko Buljevic Mark Karapatsos Jim Campbell.

HELLAS LOSES HAGEGMANOUIL

South Melbourne Hellas left back Margaritis Hagegmanoi has decided to stay in Greece indefinitely.

He left before Christmas on what was to be only a holiday but after negotiations with Aris and Iraklis, he has decided to try his luck in the Greek First Division. The transfer season is closed in Greece

but Hagegmanoi will wait until the end of the championship and try to get a contract. Hagegmanoi joined South Melbourne in 1976 from Victorian Metropolitan League club Port Melbourne.



Margaritis Hagegmanoi heads a goal for South Melbourne against St. George goalkeeper Martin Coe.

ΤΑ ΝΕΑ ΤΩΝ ΟΧΛΩΝ ΜΑΙ Ν'Ε ΤΩΝ ΣΥΝΕΡΓΩΝ ΜΕΣ ΜΕΝ Μ...

ΠΑΝΕΛΛΗΝΙΟΣ: Διαπρέπει ο Ολυμπιακός κόκκινος στην Πανελλήνια και στην ετήσια οαζόν δέ είναι ο πρώτος σκόρερ του κυανόλευκου σωματείου. Όπως μας είπε ο προπονητής Τζέιμς Μεργολίος πέτος εν όλη τά καίρια προσέχουν σίγουρα ή κυανόλευκος δέ άνεργή στο Στάδι Αθηνών κεί που είναι τό όνειρο όλων.

ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ: Ο Ηρακλής ή Ελλα κυανόλευκος της πρώτης κατηγορίας συμμετέχει στο Χελαικόν Κέπ και είναι τό σφοδρό της ευοχάνειας. Ένας από τους καλύτες ποδοσφαιριστές του συλλόγου ο Ιππέρ Τσιόκας προτιμάει νά σταματήσει όπως ήκουσε την μάλα και δέν θέλει νά παίζει σε μεγάλη ομάδα. " Αν παίζω εγώ, και δ "Ηρακλής με ζήνει έτσι και γιά ένα χρόνο, δά προτιμώ την ομάδα του Πέλουα.

Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ: Τά νέα γιά την ομάδα του Πόρτ Μελβούρν δέν είναι και τόσο εύχρηστα. Ο Στρίφ Κυρκάος δ ταλαντοχός παίκτης με τό μεγάλο μέλλον προκρινόθηκε με την Ε.Α.Α.Ε. Β' και άρσιος άριστες έντιμότητες. Ο Στρίφνος καίτησε έθλωσε και θέλει νά παίζει μέλα στην "Ελλάς και δέν νοιώζει πως δέ βοηθήσει γιά πέτος την Ν.Ε.Α.Ε.α.ς στο πρωτάθλημα. Ακούσαμε έξωση ότι δ μέρος Τζέιμ Πέτας που άκουρίζει στην Ελλάδα μάλλον δέ έπιστρέψει στην "Ερη Ερντιόλοκ. Τέλος ο Στρίφ Λαμπαρόπουλος δέν έχει όπογράφει άδμη συμβόλαιο συνεργασίας.

ΠΕΑΟΠΛΑ: Συνέχίζει δ Πέλαος τις προκρίσεις στο Πάτερσον Ριζέρβ κέσε τούτ και Περκτι και άρα 6.25 μμ. Όλοι οι ποδοσφαιριστές είναι εφόδοδεκτοι. Σε κάθε προκρίση δίδουν τό παρόν 50 και μέγον ποδοσφαιριστές. Είναι κι αυτό ένα ζέγνια του πόου σωστή ζέλινση πέτος ή όμάδα. Προς τό παρόν δ προκρινόη μένος Μπας είναι έπιδλυτα ήμανοκτημένος με όια τά καίρια κέσος και με την προθυμία που δείχνουν.

ΚΑΙΤΩΝ ΧΙΛΑ: Τό κέλερον χίλλ πέτος κεί γιά προτάληση. Κείδ όλικο και κείδ τέχνη και κείδ δέχνει. Τελευταία έκτινχία της ομάδος ήταν ή άπόκτηση του Μασίλ Τυρκίου από την Ν.Ε.Α.Ε.α.

Ε.Α.Α.Ε. ΜΕΛΕΩΡΩΝΗΣ: Άντίο είτε δ Μαργάρτης κατςπεμναουή στην "Ελλάς. Ο ταλαντοχός παίκτης δά μένει άριστικά στην θεοοαυονή και δέν άποκρίεται στην νέα ποδοσφαιρική οαζόν νά σφώσει την ναύαλα του ΑΡΗ ή του ΗΡΑΚΛΗ.

ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΗ ΚΑΙ: Συνέχίζεται την κυριακή το αλλένικ κεί με τις ζέης σαναησεις:

ΠΑΡΟΤ - ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ Ν.Ε.Α.Ε.α. - Τ.Ε. Μ.ΚΑΙΤΩΝ ΧΙΛΑ Ε.ΛΩΝΙΑΛΑ - ΚΥΠΡΙΑΚΗ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΔΟΞΑ: Η Δέσα Γέροραβιλ προσέλαβε ως προκρινή την Πολωνό Μόρο.

ΚΟΥΡΑΜΠΙΔΑ: Η Μουραμπία ή νέα ομάδα του Δαη είδει άγώνα φιλικό στις 17 Σεπτεμβρίου με την Πέλοα στο γήρεδ του στο Πάτερσον Ριζέρβ. Ας γνωστον πρόδροτ ακή Μουραμπία ή όμαία που δέ σήντομα δέ γίνει μεγάλη άύνηση στο Δαη, είναι δ χ.ά.ότατ "Αλεξέρς δ όποιος δς πρώην πρόδροτ του συλλόγου του ίδου αηλ έκένειμε στην προκρινή που άνέδενε πέρος την ομάδα πρωτάθλητρια μένος Μπας και στος έόλοους Βαβίλ και Γέρογο Καμυλάκη έπαθα οέ άναγνώρηση γιά τις όπηρεσίες που προσέφεραν.

ΕΡΚΗ: Ένδοσποισμένος είναι δ πρόδροτ του ΕΡΚΗ κ.Λεπορίδης με τον προκρινή Ουκαρ Ουτάβα. " πέτος μας είτε δά γίνει σωστή δουλειά

ΤΩΝΙΟΠΟΡ: της Ν.Ε.Α.Ε.α.ς: Όμάδες πείδοντες έόρπει γιά Τζόρδας και Τζόρδες ή Ν. Ε.Ε.Α.Ε.α. Όλα τά καίρια είναι εφόδοδεκτα.

Την ομάδα τον Ισθμόν προκρινεί δ "Αλκς Μαρλάας.

ΚΑΒΕΡΦΗ ΣΙΤΥ: Προκρινής στην ομάδα του Μάβερν είτε άνέλαβε δ Νίκος Νίκολαου.

ΗΘΟΙΟΙΟΙ-ΠΑΛΑΤΙΑΧΟΙ ΠΕΛΟΑ Μέγας ποδοσφαιρικός άγώνας δά γίνει στις 17/2 και στο γήρεδ του Πέλοα μετάδ των ήτοιων και των καλαμάχων του Πέλοα οί όμοιοι δά είναι έντοχμένοι με τον πρωτοκαλαστή με Γέρογο Γαυλιόβα και τον τερατοφύλακα τον ήμιοισογράφων "Ρία Ντάνοδης. "Σέτσης δέν έπικαλείται νά ήμιοισοδον οί Γιαννέλος τό καρήν λουναρχήν του μετόκου ΜΠΑΣ και δ γενικός άρχηγός της Ε.Α.Α.Ε.α.ς άνελόκης. Την ίδια ήμερα δ Πέλοας όργανώνει μετόκου "Σέτσης με τους ήτοιους δά ήμιοισοδ και δ τραγουδιστής Ντένιος.

Μην. Μ.

